

Admission Policies - Standardized Test Scores

1. The State Board of Higher Education has mandated that state supported institutions require all first time students to take and submit results of the ACT Assessment or the SAT as a condition of admission. The purpose of these requirements is to assist students in understanding how factors such as high school grades, achievement, and types of courses taken affect their college performance. This information will also assist colleges and universities in making appropriate recommendations to students regarding course selection and placement. The only individuals who are exempt from the ACT requirement are:
 - a. Students who are age 25 or older on the first day of class
 - b. Students from foreign countries, other than Canada
 - c. Individuals granted exemptions on a case-by-case basis
2. First time students who have not taken the ACT, nor been granted an exemption as outlined above, may not be accepted for admission unless they meet other admissions guidelines as outlined in MSU Policy 402.2. Students who have been granted an exemption will be encouraged to complete the ACT/SAT to determine placement in college level courses as outlined in Policy M402.1.2. Students who have not met the ACT/SAT requirement for admission may be admitted provisionally, but cannot register for courses for a second term until they satisfy this requirement.
3. The Admission Office will review an individual's eligibility for an exemption based on age, foreign student status, or number of transfer credits. The Director of Admissions will approve these exemptions.
4. ACT or SAT subtest scores will also be used for placement into college level courses at the time of enrollment. Students without ACT or SAT results who have been granted an exemption to the above requirement or who have been admitted conditionally without such test results will be required to complete an alternative placement process as outlined in Policy M 402.1.2.

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