

Agenda Item No. V. B. 3.
Washburn University Board of Regents

SUBJECT: Admissions Criteria for Freshmen

BACKGROUND:

The Kansas Board of Regents recently approved revised requirements for qualified admissions to the state universities. The purpose of the revision is multifaceted - it serves to provide additional options to admit otherwise qualified students who may not meet the ACT requirement and to simplify the qualified admissions criteria for the state universities.

Washburn University currently has three types of qualified admission for freshmen that consider a student's high school grade point average (GPA) and standardized test score (ACT or SAT). The type of admission is dependent upon both the GPA and ACT/SAT score. Below is the current Washburn University admission criteria:

Admission Type	GPA and ACT Requirements
Regular Admission	3.50+ GPA OR 23+ ACT
	3.00-3.49 GPA AND 16-18 ACT
	2.50-2.99 GPA AND 19-22 ACT
Admission Exception	A GPA/ACT combination not meeting regular admission criteria but above Ichabod Ignite Program admission criteria.
Ichabod Ignite Program Admission	Less than 2.50 GPA AND less than 16 ACT

The recently approved KBOR regular admission criteria for freshmen at the state universities is the same at the four regional schools (Emporia State, Fort Hays State, Pittsburg State, and Wichita State): 2.25+ GPA OR 21+ ACT.

The approved requirements are higher for the other two KBOR schools: Kansas State, 3.25+ GPA OR 21+ ACT; University of Kansas, 3.25+ GPA AND 21+ ACT; 3.00-3.24 GPA AND 24+ ACT.

DESCRIPTION:

Washburn University is the only fully open admission institution in the state. We reviewed our admission criteria to ensure we convey that commitment and that our requirements are easy to understand.

The proposed criteria will allow more students to qualify for regular admission and will simplify the pathway for students to attend Washburn:

Admission Type	GPA and ACT Requirements
Regular Admission	2.25+ GPA OR 21+ ACT

Any freshmen applicant who does not meet the criteria for regular admission is also admitted. Each of those applicants are evaluated to determine the most appropriate pathway for academic success, such as the Ichabod Ignite program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Farley recommends the Board of Regents approve revision of the Washburn University regular admission criteria for freshman beginning in summer and fall 2021 as proposed.

Date

Jerry B. Farley, President