

2010 SDSU Admission Cycle and the Compact Partnership during these Economic Times

Is the guarantee of admission through the Compact for Success still valid during this budgetary crisis for Sweetwater District Students?

Yes, it is. Students completing all benchmarks of the Compact for Success program will receive a guarantee of admission. Here are the five benchmarks that need to be completed:

1. **Residency** – students must have been enrolled in the Sweetwater District since grade 9 through end of 12th grade.
2. **College Entrance Requirements** – students must complete all college entrance requirements with a “C” or better grade (“a-g” coursework).
3. **3.0 CSU GPA** - students must achieve a 3.0 CSU gpa at time of application and through senior year.
4. **Admission Tests** – students must take either the SAT or ACT exam no later than November 2009.
5. **Proficiency** – students must satisfy the ELM and EPT tests (Entry Level Math and English Placement Tests). For clarification on how to, please read further on this topic.

To be considered, students must submit an online admission application starting **October 1 – November 30 during their senior year** and meet all admission deadlines. SDSU communicates with applicants via e-mail, it is critical that students provide an e-mail address and check it on a regular basis.

Will students who fall short of the 3.0 CSU GPA requirement be offered admission through the local index program?

Due to the severity of the California state budget, SDSU will no longer be able to admit all local first-freshmen applicants who meet the minimum CSU eligibility index and subject requirements.

All first-time freshmen applicants for fall 2010 will be admitted to the pre-major (including undeclared) to which they applied. There will be a limited number of enrollment slots in each pre-major. Applicants will be ranked by their Eligibility Index, which is a combination of GPA and SAT/ACT test scores. In addition, students must complete the pattern of college preparatory curriculum ("a-g" courses) by the end of spring 2010.

SDSU service-area applicants will be assigned a credit to increase their eligibility in an effort to maintain its traditional balance of out-of-service area to in-service area students.

Students are in SDSU's service area if they graduate from a high school in San Diego County located south of state route 56 and extending eastward AND Imperial County high schools.

It is important that families consider alternate college options as well.

Has SDSU instituted stricter admission criteria in reviewing student progress during senior year?

Students who are admitted to SDSU are informed in their admission letter that their admission is conditional based on them completing, with “C” grades or higher all coursework indicated on their application as in progress or planned during their senior year. In addition, they must maintain the reported overall grade point average during their senior year. If they do not receive “C” grades or higher or maintain their GPA, their admission will be rescinded. Students must also adhere to ALL admission deadlines or their admission will be rescinded as well.

The same criterion is used by the UC system as well. One low grade during senior year (D/F) causes the admission offer to be taken away.

How can students satisfy proficiency?

This is the most challenging of all the benchmarks. Students can demonstrate proficiency of the ELM/EPT through any one of the following ways:

- **Early Assessment Program (EAP)**
At the time students took their 11th grade Standards Tests, they were provided with the opportunity to take augmented exams (15 additional questions in addition to the CST exams). The EAP results are found on the back-side of the STAR reports mailed home during August:
 - Exempt Status for English** – student is cleared from EPT
 - Non-exempt for English** – student must take EPT
 - Exempt Status for Math** – student is cleared from ELM
 - Conditionally Exempt for Math** – this means students must have a senior year math experience in Intermediate Algebra or higher with a passing score of “C” or better for both semesters and is cleared from ELM.
 - Non-exempt for Math** – student must take ELM
- **SAT/ACT Exams**
If students achieve the following scores:
 - SAT: Score of 550 in Math or English (Critical Reading)
 - ACT: Score of 24 in English or 23 in Math
- **AP Exams**
Score of 3 or higher in an AP English or AP Math Course
- **ELM or EPT Tests**
The last opportunity is through the actual tests. These can be taken during the spring semester of the senior year twice. It is recommended that students take the tests in January and May. It is strongly encouraged that students review the study materials provided at SDSU’s Test Office prior to taking these exams. These are high-stake exams that should not be taken lightly. To enroll and review the study guides, please log onto: <http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/testofc/index.html>