Direct Admit Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin Systemwide
Direct Admissions Program
What is Direct Admissions?

Direct admissions sidesteps the typical college admission process.

Students are proactively guaranteed a place in college.

Admission is based on existing student-level data; typically, high school GPA and standardized test scores.

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Direct Admissions in Other States

* AZ and WI are piloting direct admissions at one or more institutions.

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Principles of Direct Admissions

- **Proactive**: Preemptive information to students
- **Guaranteed**: College admission is “a sure thing”
- **Universal**: Postsecondary options are available for all students
- **Transparent**: Admission criteria are plain and clearly known
- **Simple and personalized**: Send straightforward, individualized information
- **Low-cost**: Repurpose existing data for bigger impacts
- **Trusted Adults**: Involve parents and high schools in the process

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- Collaborative effort between UW System and Wisconsin K-12 school districts
- Start with rising seniors (class ‘25)
- Matched with UW universities based direct admissions criteria
- Personalized letters from UWS notifying students which UWs they are directly admitted to
- Streamlined enrollment process
  - No application
  - No application fees
  - Transcript sharing
Direct Admit Wisconsin
Participating UW Universities

UW-Green Bay  UW-Stevens Point
UW-Milwaukee  UW-Stout
UW-Oshkosh    UW-Superior
UW-Parkside   UW-Whitewater
UW-Platteville
UW-River Falls

*Some universities may participate with main and/or branch campuses
How are students matched with the UWs?

University Requirements
• GPA
• Completed Academic Units requirements
• Graduation requirement

Student-level Data
• Student end of junior year GPA
• Student on track for graduation progress

Student Information System

MY UW MATCHES!
Traditional Admissions vs. Direct Admit WI

**Traditional**
- Discover and research schools
- Submit applications to schools
- Wait for each school to make their decision
- Receive a notification from each school with admission decision
- Choose a school that has accepted me and take steps to enroll

### Throughout HS Senior Year

**Process Applications**
- Issue Decision Letters

**WI Direct Admissions**
- Early Fall HS Junior Year
- Late Summer - Early Fall HS Senior Year
- Learn about Direct Admit
- Sign the WI Direct Admissions FERPA & Opt-In
- Receive my list of UW schools that have directly admitted me
- Learn more about UW schools and take action
- Receive welcome letter from my UWs

### WI DA

**WI Direct Admissions Matching**
- Direct Admissions letters generated and sent
- University engages with student
- Issue Welcome Letters
Direct Admit Wisconsin Timeline

- **October**: Focus Group Sessions with school districts
- **November**: Confirm participating school districts
- **February**: Rising senior communications
- **April**: Rising junior communications
- **Feb.–May**: Work with rising seniors to complete FERPA release
- **July**: Direct Admission letters are sent to rising seniors
How can your school district participate?

Year 1 rollout
- Users of Infinite Campus and Skyward information systems
- Ability to commit staff to do the initial set-up in Infinite Campus
- Data-sharing agreement
- Commit to collaborating with UWS and sharing information on Direct Admissions across your district
- Attend a focus group session to learn more
- Complete the interest survey

Phase 2 and beyond
- UWSA will explore working with other SIS vendors and developing a low-tech solution for schools that would like to opt-in phase 2
- UWSA will reach out when phase 2 rollout is ready
Infinite Campus built the infrastructure for the State of Minnesota and Skyward is able to bring on the same technology for Fall 2024.

Here is what they can do:

- Embed FERPA release
- Identify students who do not opt in
- Create Academic Requirements
- Match academic requirements
- Push letter//notification/survey
- Infinite Campus and WI Infinite Campus rep can create training documents and videos
- Transcript sharing capabilities

District staff will need to engage in some initial set-up of the information Infinite Campus and take trigger some actions throughout the school year.
Next Steps

Discuss Direct Admit Wisconsin with your district leadership and colleagues

Interested districts should sign up for a focus group session in October. Check your handouts for sign up link! Also available on the website.

Keep an eye out for the interest survey that will be sent to all superintendents
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