

Direct Admit Wisconsin Implementation Timeline

Key Dates and Steps for the 2025_26 (class of 2026)

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High School Task/Step	Description	Deadline	Resource Links
Determine if your high school (or district) will ask families to opt-in or opt-out of Direct Admit Wisconsin.	Determine the process your high school will use to identify participating students.	Immediate	
Create the communication that will be sent to families with steps on how to opt-in or opt-out.	Communication should also include program information and FERPA notice. This can be done using Skyward. High School can determine method of delivery.	Immediate	Skyward Guide , pgs. 3-6 Sample FERPA and opt-in/opt-out communication
Receive opt-in or opt-out responses from current juniors. Identify participating students in the SIS.		May 1, 2025: deadline to allow families to submit response.	
Set up Direct Admit Criteria in SIS (one-time setup) *	a. Direct Admit GPA tier requirements are already programmed in and no steps are needed to put in tiers. b. Set-up Course Groups* for Direct Admit requirements. Math course group should only contain accepted college prep math courses. c. High Schools can choose to review eligibility criteria manually rather than using course groups function.	Before end of year grades post	Also see Direct Admit Accepted College Prep Math Course list . Skyward Guide , Pages 8-12
Conduct Academic Review		After grades post and before July 14.	Skyward Guide , Page 7
Run "On Track" utility		After grades post	Skyward Guide , Pages 13-14

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Generate Transcripts	Run transcript process to create batch of PDF transcripts	After grades post and before July 14.	Skyward Guide , Page 14
Run Direct Admit Tier Utility in SIS	This will generate the csv file that will be sent to the Universities of Wisconsin. Files and transcripts should not be sent unless final junior year grades have posted and are included in the GPA calculation.	Files can be sent starting May 19*and no later than July 14.	Skyward Guide , Pages 16-18
Generate Admission Offer Letters. Schedule an email notification to go out to parents/students when the letter is available. (optional step)	Admission offer letters provided by Universities of Wisconsin are posted to Family and Student Access. UW will send out an email and physical copy of the letter.	Tentatively week of July 28 th . Date will be finalized by Spring.	Skyward Guide , Page 19 You will receive a notification from UW that your file has been received successfully and you can post letters.
Whitelist Universities of Wisconsin IP address.	Request your technology department whitelist our IP address and email domains so students can receive our emails: 168.245.113.105, go.wisconsin.edu and applywi.uwsa.edu . This will allow them to verify their identity and link their direct admit information to their admissions portal account.	ASAP	

*referenced page numbers are subject to change

Direct Admit Wisconsin Admission Requirements (2025-26)

1. Graduate from a Wisconsin High School.
 2. Meet the academic units as outlined in the [UW Freshmen Admission Policy](#).
 - 4 units English
 - 3 units of Math
 - 3 units of Social Science
 - 3 units of Natural Science
 - 4 units of Electives
- 1 unit = 1 year
3. Have 3 units of college preparatory math from the list of [math courses](#).
 4. Reported GPA must be a cumulative unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale at the end of junior year.

When setting up your course groups, you will set up programs according to both your high school graduation requirements and freshman admission requirements. For most high schools the units required for freshman admission are incorporated into your graduation requirements.

Any courses that meet your high graduation requirements for English, Social Science, Natural Science and Electives, can be included when selecting the courses that meet the credit requirements. However, for Math, the only courses that will count are courses you offer that align with the approved list of [math courses](#). Algebra taken in 8th grade may count towards one of the units of college preparatory math.

If you currently do not use a 4.0 scale for GPA, you must convert the participating student GPA to a 4.0 scale for Direct Admit.