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# Direct Admit Wisconsin: Preparing for a Strong Year


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# AGENDA

- Overview of Direct Admit Wisconsin
- Overview of Timeline
- Implementation Steps
- Questions and feedback

# *DIRECT ADMIT WI BY THE NUMBERS*

- **38,000+ students** admitted from the Class of 2027
- **7135+ students** submitted a Direct Admit Form so far
  - 28,194+ total Direct Admit Forms submitted so far
- **500+ High School Partners** for 2026-2027

# DIRECT ADMIT WISCONSIN | PARTICIPATING UW UNIVERSITIES

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

*NOTE: Some universities may participate with main and/or branch campuses. Eau Claire will start with class 2028*

# *DIRECT ADMIT KEY STEPS*

- ***IDENTIFY*** YOUR CORE TEAM WORKING TO IMPLEMENT OR FACILITATE DIRECT ADMIT WISCONSIN AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL.
- ***CREATE*** A UW Direct Admit Administrator Account
- ***COMMUNICATE*** WITH YOUR JUNIOR CLASS ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND HOW TO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE
- ***CONDUCT*** TECHNOLOGY REVIEW
- ***CONDUCT*** ACADEMIC REVIEW
- ***SUBMIT*** .CSV DATA FILE AND PDF TRANSCRIPT BUNDLE

# DIRECT ADMIT WISCONSIN KEY DATES
# YEAR 4 | CLASS 2028

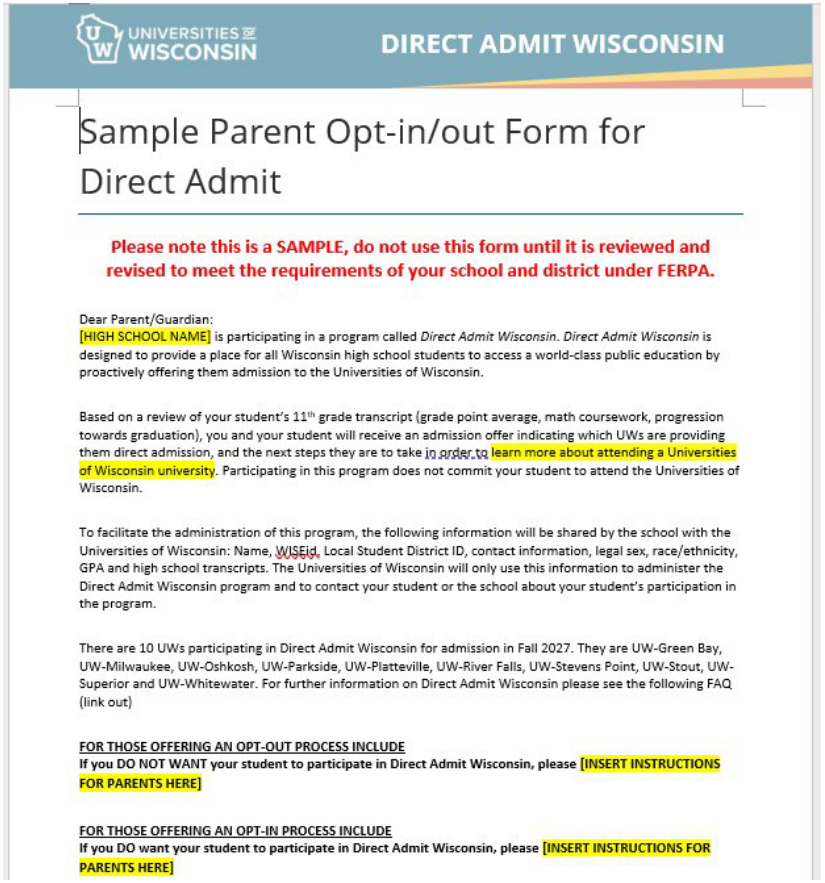
## KEY DATES FOR DIRECT ADMIT WISCONSIN

Key Dates for Direct Admit Wisconsin | Direct Admit High School Resources

| Date | Activity |
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| May 1st, 2026 | Direct Admit Forms due for Class of 2026; Opt-in/out elections due for Class of 2027 |
| May-July 2026 | High schools conduct academic review of participating students and assign tiers to qualifying students through their student information system. |
| June 1st - July 17th, 2026 | First submission window for the Class of 2027. High schools should submit .csv and transcript bundles to the Universities of Wisconsin |
| August 1st, 2026 | The Universities of Wisconsin send admission offers to the Class of 2027 via email to high school email addresses. Postal mail admission packages are sent shortly after. |
| August 1st, 2026 | The UW Admission Pathway Portal opens for Direct Admit Forms and traditional applications |
| September 8th - 25th, 2026 | Second submission window for the Class of 2027. Email offers are sent on a rolling basis throughout the submission window in the fall. Postal mail admission packages are sent after the submission window closes. |
| September 8th - October 31st, 2026 | Ad Hoc Submissions window for students eligible for Direct Admit Wisconsin who were inadvertently missed during the regular submission windows, or who were placed incorrectly due to a technical error. |
| Late September to early October, 2026 | Information sessions for new Direct Admit high schools held |
| October 23rd, 2026 | Participation survey for new Direct Admit schools due |
| Wednesday, October 28th (virtual) & November 4th (in-person), 2026 | Direct Admit Statewide Meeting prior to the WSCA conference |
| November 20th, 2026 | Data Sharing Agreements for new Direct Admit schools due |
| Mid-November 2026 | Continuing Direct Admit High Schools review and update contact information |
| January 2027 | Onboarding sessions for new participating high schools held. See here for dates and registration links. |
| May 1st, 2027 | Direct Admit Forms due for Class of 2027 Opt-in/out elections due for Class of 2028 |

# Communications | How to participate

- Share information about Direct Admit WI with your juniors
- Send opt-in/out form to get consent from parent/guardian to participate
- Document which students have opted to participate via your SIS
- Skyward and Infinite Campus users can send the opt-in/opt-out form through the SIS to the parent portal/family access portal



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Sample Parent Opt-in/out Form for Direct Admit

**Please note this is a SAMPLE, do not use this form until it is reviewed and revised to meet the requirements of your school and district under FERPA.**

Dear Parent/Guardian:
[HIGH SCHOOL NAME] is participating in a program called *Direct Admit Wisconsin*. *Direct Admit Wisconsin* is designed to provide a place for all Wisconsin high school students to access a world-class public education by proactively offering them admission to the Universities of Wisconsin.

Based on a review of your student's 11th grade transcript (grade point average, math coursework, progression towards graduation), you and your student will receive an admission offer indicating which UWs are providing them direct admission, and the next steps they are to take in order to learn more about attending a Universities of Wisconsin university. Participating in this program does not commit your student to attend the Universities of Wisconsin.

To facilitate the administration of this program, the following information will be shared by the school with the Universities of Wisconsin: Name, WISEid, Local Student District ID, contact information, legal sex, race/ethnicity, GPA and high school transcripts. The Universities of Wisconsin will only use this information to administer the Direct Admit Wisconsin program and to contact your student or the school about your student's participation in the program.

There are 10 UWs participating in Direct Admit Wisconsin for admission in Fall 2027. They are UW-Green Bay, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout, UW-Superior and UW-Whitewater. For further information on Direct Admit Wisconsin please see the following FAQ (link out)

**FOR THOSE OFFERING AN OPT-OUT PROCESS INCLUDE**
**If you DO NOT WANT your student to participate in Direct Admit Wisconsin, please [INSERT INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS HERE]**

**FOR THOSE OFFERING AN OPT-IN PROCESS INCLUDE**
**If you DO want your student to participate in Direct Admit Wisconsin, please [INSERT INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS HERE]**

# *Communications | Eligibility Requirements*

**Direct Admit offers are made based on the following criteria:**

1. Student will graduate from a Wisconsin high school
2. Student is on track to complete the UW First-Year Admission requirements
   - 4 units of English
   - 3 units of Science
   - 3 units of Social Studies
   - 3 units of college-preparatory math
   - 4 units of electives

     *1 unit = 1 year*
3. Student is on track to complete the appropriate units of college-preparatory math courses. (Acceptable courses are provided to the high schools).
4. Once a student is determined to be on track to meet the above 3 criteria their GPA will determine to which UW Universities they will receive admission.

**GPA tiers are not public and should not be shared with students, families or the public.**

# TECHNICAL REVIEW

- Review your SIS set-up guide. Guides are found on resource page.
- Review your current SIS set-up for accuracy.
- UW Administration is working with SIS vendors to provide some additional training videos and drop-in Q&A sessions.
- Conduct the technical review of your .csv files
  - Generate .csv data file and pdf transcripts in your SIS or using the .csv template
  - Verify the file and transcripts meet all the appropriate file and data specifications

# ACADEMIC REVIEW

**The academic review is a critical step that ensures that participating students are eligible for a direct admit offer. DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP.**

**Timeline:** After completion of technical review

- Identify who will be responsible for academic review process. This is typically done by a school counselor.
- Review guide on how to do Academic Review process. Reports available in SIS to view tier assignments.
- Often times the review can be done as soon as grades are posted. Some SIS systems require that you have rolled over into the next academic year.
- Carefully review the assigned tiers are accurate before file submission.
- Ensure all students who opted in are reflected in your student list.

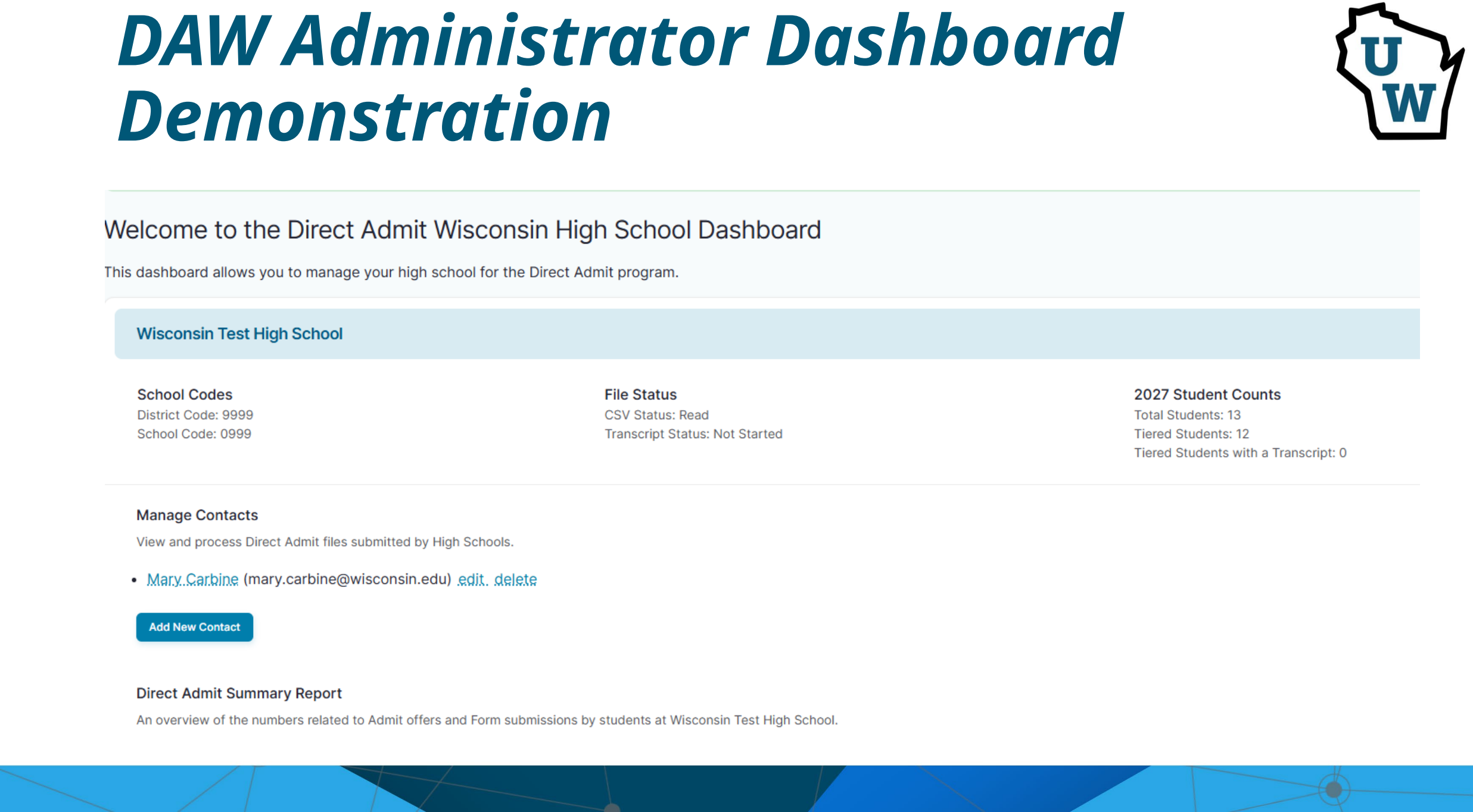
# *FILE SUBMISSION*

**First window: June 1-July 16, 2027**

**Second window: September 2027**

- Identify who will be responsible for sending the .csv data file and transcript bundle.
- This person must be available to communicate with the Universities of Wisconsin if there are questions or errors after the file is submitted.
- Send the .csv data file and pdf transcript bundle to UW Administration office via secure SIS transmission method or direct upload.

# DAW Administrator Dashboard Demonstration



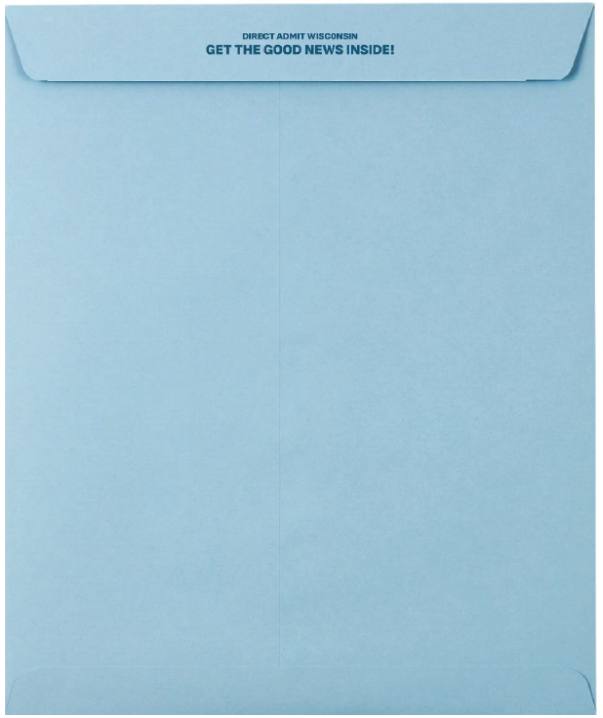
# *Admissions*




UW Administration will send:

- Admission offer letter via email (student's school email)
- Admission offer letter via postal mail (student's primary address on file)
- High school has option to post admission offer letter in the parent and student portal (not required)

**(Optional): High Schools can post admission offer letters to the parent and student portals (Infinite Campus and Skyward)**



# POST-ADMISSION

- Students will need to complete the Direct Admit Form via the UW Admissions portal to indicate which UWs they are interested in attending. For the class of 2028 portal opens August 1, 2027. For the class of 2027, portal is currently open.
- Class of 2027 students have until May 1, 2027 to accept their offers and Class of 2028 have until May, 2028.
- When a student submits their Form to their UW University or Universities of choice the UW will reach out to the students with next steps about enrollment.
- UWs will also send general information about their campus to students to students who have been Directly Admitted to their campus.
- Direct Admit Form is not a commitment.
- Traditional application for all UWs is available and opens August 1 annually.

# *RESOURCES*

- High School Resources webpage
- Direct Admit Newsletter
- Contact us:
  - For general questions: directadmitwi@wisconsin.edu
  - For tech questions: DirectAdmitTechHelp@wisconsin.edu
  - For questions from students/parents: dawi@go.wisconsin.edu