

AIMS High School Graduation Requirement
College Entrance Exams Reciprocity
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Background

In June 2009, a portion of the state statute related to the AIMS high school graduation requirement (A.R.S. §15-701.01 (A)(3)) was revised to include the following language:

For the purposes of satisfying the graduation requirements of this paragraph, a minimum score as determined by the state board of education on one or more nationally recognized college entrance examinations selected by the state board of education, if examination information may be accessed at no cost to this state, may be substituted for passing scores on the Arizona instrument to measure standards test if a pupil who is in grade twelve has previously taken the Arizona instrument to measure standards test at each administration of the test.

On March 22, 2010, the State Board of Education approved the following subtest scores from the SAT and ACT for the purposes of satisfying the AIMS high school graduation requirements.

AIMS HS Content Area	Reciprocal SAT test scores	Reciprocal ACT test scores
Writing	420 or higher on Writing	16 or higher on Combined English/Writing
Reading	420 or higher on Critical Reading	16 or higher on Reading
Mathematics	420 or higher on Mathematics	16 or higher on Mathematics

Guidance

To be eligible for College Entrance Exam Reciprocity, students must have tested on the applicable content area(s) of AIMS HS at each testing opportunity for which the student was eligible to test. Testing opportunities, or test administrations, begin with the spring semester of the student's second year of high school and continue every fall and spring semester through the student's final semester of high school. Test administrations that occurred when the student was not enrolled in an Arizona public school do not count as a "testing opportunity for which the student was eligible to test."

College Entrance Exam Reciprocity Guidelines are in compliance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (A.R.S. §15-1911) Article VII, Graduation.

College Entrance Exam Reciprocity applies only to the AIMS high school graduation requirement.

There are no reciprocal tests for the Arizona Board of Regents High Honors Tuition Scholarship (commonly referred to as the AIMS Scholarship) or for the early graduation scholarship (authorized by A.R.S. §15-105).

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