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In 2013, the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature passed House Bill 5, which in relevant part amended the requirements for student eligibility for admission to any Texas public university under the Uniform Admissions Policy (Texas Education Code §§51.803-51.809). Students who complete the new foundation high school program are eligible for consideration for admission to a public university. However, a student must earn a distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program in order to qualify for the Top 10 Percent Automatic Admissions and the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program. Texas private high school students may qualify for admission to a Texas public university having completed only a portion of the foundation high school program or distinguished level of achievement under the foundation curriculum equivalent in content or rigor because the remainder of courses were unavailable to the student or by meeting other qualifications. The changes to the Uniform Admissions Policy became effective when House Bill 5 was signed by the Governor on June 10, 2013, and will be implemented beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. This form should be used

TPHSC Form-1 should be used

; *and* TPHSC Form-

2 should be used

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A student scheduled to graduate from a Texas private high school may be considered for admission to a Texas public university if the student has completed the foundation high school program or its equivalent, or has achieved college readiness scores on the ACT or SAT entrance exams. Students of Texas private high schools who have completed only a portion of the foundation high school program because the courses are not available to the student may still be eligible for admission to a Texas public university.

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A student scheduled to graduate from a Texas private high school may be considered for a Top 10 Percent Scholarship if the student has earned a distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program or its equivalent. Students of Texas private high schools who have completed only a portion of the requirements to earn a distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program because the courses are not available to the student may still be eligible for the Top 10 Percent Scholarship.

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The table on page 3-4 is for informational purposes only. Private high schools must submit the appropriate certification statement to the Texas public university admissions office and/or the financial aid office. Please note that final decisions about admissions or the Top 10 Percent Scholarship are solely the responsibility of the university to which the student is applying.

For consideration for \_\_\_\_\_, the private high school must submit the completed certification of the student's high school transcript or diploma to the admissions office of the public university to which the student seeks admission by the institution's admissions deadline.

*IMPORTANT NOTICE: The admissions office of a Texas public university will not consider a student eligible for admission without this completed certification.*

For consideration for \_\_\_\_\_, the private high school should submit the completed certification to the admissions office and the financial aid office of the public institution to which the student is seeking admission by the institution's financial aid deadline.

*IMPORTANT NOTICE: The financial aid office of a Texas public university will not consider a student eligible for a Top 10 Percent Scholarship without this completed certification.*







I hereby certify one of the following statements for the student named above:

(1) The courses taken by the student are equivalent in content and rigor to courses in the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program outlined in 19 Texas Administrative Code §§74.11 – 74.13.

(2) The student completed only a portion of the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program and those courses are equivalent in content and rigor to the courses for this graduation plan. The student only completed a portion of the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program solely because courses necessary to complete the remainder of the program were unavailable to the student at the appropriate times in the student's high school career as a result of one or more of the following:

- Course scheduling;
- Lack of enrollment capacity; or
- Another cause not within the student's control as specified below:

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Signature of Certifying Official Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed Name Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Institution TEPSAC ID Number Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_