



Statement of Requirements and Standards for Tuition Enrollment Program (TEP) Administrative Guidelines

The Board of Education of Ocean Springs School District (OSSD) has determined to admit to its high school on a tuition basis a defined number of qualified nonresident students interested in pursuing a rigorous course of study prerequisite to admission to the OSSD International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) or the Advanced Placement Capstone Program. The District has established the following eligibility requirements or criteria in determining whether to admit a nonresident Tuition Enrollment Program (TEP) student to be eligible to apply in a student's freshman year (or sophomore year if openings are available) for admission to the District's International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program or the Advanced Placement Capstone. The student must successfully complete the classes and the required assessments associated with each diploma track. Enrollment in the District's IB DP and AP Capstone Programs will be determined spring of sophomore year.

GPA Requirements

High School- Students would need to maintain adequate progress towards achieving the (IB) or AP Capstone diploma track. This includes achieving the necessary qualifying score on specific exams. While we do not recommend a specific GPA for an admittance protocol for either program, TEP students must maintain a numeric average of 80 or above in each prescribed course as outlined.

Testing Scores

A team will review all new students' previous state assessment scores and grades as part of the admittance protocol.

Writing Sample

Students will also be required to submit a writing sample that will be completed at a designated time at Ocean Springs District Office.

Grade Level

Incoming TEP students in grades higher than 9th (if openings are available in 10th grade) must be on schedule to graduate in accordance with the OSSD graduation requirements.

Student Behavior & Discipline

- Student may not have had any incidents of academic misconduct at any time prior to enrolling in the TEP.
- Student may not have had any out-of-school suspension of more than 2 school days at any time prior to enrolling in the TEP.
- Student may not have been expelled from any school at any time prior to enrolling in the TEP
- Student may not have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony at any time prior to enrolling in the TEP.
- Student may not exhibit any behavior which poses a likelihood of danger to the health (physical and/or emotional) or welfare of student or district personnel, or which makes the presence of the student in the school disruptive to the educational process.

Athletics

High School- Student eligibility shall be determined by the MHSAA guidelines.

Other Requirements

- Enrollment under the TEP is limited to high school programs solely operated by the Ocean Springs School District.
- Failure to pay the fee(s) and tuition balance by the 5th school day of each semester as agreed upon will cause student to lose his/her slot and any tuition paid to date.