

F.06.06 (Policy) Academic Fresh Start Admissions

Responsible Department: Vice Chancellor of Academic Success

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Purpose

The Alamo Colleges District is committed to fostering equitable access to higher education. In alignment with Texas Education Code §51.931, this policy enables applicants to restart their academic journey by excluding college-level coursework completed five or more years prior to enrollment from admissions consideration.

Eligibility

Applicants may request Academic Fresh Start if they meet the following criteria:

- Are a Texas resident applying for undergraduate admission to any college within the Alamo Colleges District.
- Have completed college-level coursework five (5) or more years prior to the semester of intended enrollment.
- Submit a written request for Academic Fresh Start to the Office of Admissions and Records at their respective colleges.

Policy Statement

Upon approval of an Academic Fresh Start request, all academic credits and grades earned for a time period specified in the request, which must have been credited five or more years prior to enrollment, will be excluded from degree requirements, GPA calculations, or academic standing.

Consideration for Professional Programs

Students admitted under Academic Fresh Start who later apply to professional programs will be evaluated based on their academic performance following Fresh Start enrollment, along with any additional criteria established by the specific program.

Implementation and Transparency

This policy is published on the Alamo Colleges District website and made accessible to all applicants. The District will submit the policy to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) as required.

Legal References

- *Senate Bill 365 (89th Legislature, Regular Session)*
- *Texas Education Code §51.931(c-2)*
- *Texas Education Code §51.931 – Right to an Academic Fresh Start*