

# Talented Twenty Program

## What is the type of admissions redesign?

**Guaranteed Admissions:** High school students are assured of admission to one or more four-year institution(s) if they apply and meet established academic criteria.

## In which state is it based?

Florida

## What state postsecondary agency or system sponsors the program?

Florida Department of Education

## When was the program first started?



1999<sup>i</sup>

## Does the student or state agency/system initiate the admissions process?


Student through their application

## What are the central characteristics of the program?

The top 20% of students in the senior class that meet the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) graduation requirements should be identified as eligible for the Talent Twenty program. In order for a student to get assistance with the Talented Twenty admissions guarantee, they must have applied to and been denied by at least three State University System institutions; they are then eligible to submit an appeal for admission assistance.<sup>ii</sup>

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|  <p><b>Program Scope</b></p>                         | Does the program include <b>all high school districts or only a portion</b> ? Is <b>opt-in</b> required? | Not applicable; student determines individually whether to apply   |
|  | Does the program support admission to <b>four-year institutions, two-year institutions, or both</b> ?    | Four-year institutions   |
|  | Which institutions are participating in the program?   | 12 state universities  |
|  <p><b>Eligibility Criteria and Application</b></p> | What are the <b>academic eligibility criteria</b> for students?  | To qualify for the Talented Twenty program, a student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enroll in a Florida public high school</li> <li>• Graduate with a standard diploma.</li> <li>• Rank in the top 20% of the class after the posting of seventh semester grades.</li> <li>• Submit SAT scores or ACT scores or CLT scores prior to enrollment to a university in the State University System (SUS).</li> <li>• Met the minimum SUS admissions eligibility requirements.</li> </ul> |
|  | Are students <b>still required to apply</b> to postsecondary institutions?                               | Yes  |
|  | Is the <b>application fee waived</b> ?   | Students may use an SAT or ACT fee waiver approval to waive the admission application fees for up to four applications. <sup>iii</sup>   |

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|  <p><b>Data and Policy</b></p> | <p>What is the <b>data source</b> for the program?</p>   | <p>A school district has the responsibility of identifying the top 20 percent from each eligible high school's graduating class and must submit data for those meeting the required specifications. Student transcripts must be submitted via the Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records (FASTER) electronic transcript system.<sup>iv</sup> Districts or schools are also responsible for notifying students of their Talented Twenty award.<sup>v</sup></p> |
|   | <p>Did the state or system <b>adopt policy</b> related to the program, and if so what does the policy include?</p> | <p><a href="#">Board of Governors Regulation 6.002</a></p>   |

Information above is up to date as of December 2025

<https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7754/urlt/TalentedTwenty-Overview.pdf>

<sup>i</sup>While eligible students are guaranteed admission at one of the state universities, they are not guaranteed admission to the university of their choice: <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7754/urlt/TalentedTwenty-Overview.pdf>; <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7754/urlt/FAQ-ParentsStudents.pdf>

<sup>iii</sup><https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7754/urlt/FAQ-ParentsStudents.pdf>

<sup>iv</sup><https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-10495/DPS-2025-17.pdf>

<sup>v</sup><https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7754/urlt/FAQ-SchDistCouns.pdf>