

State University of New York (SUNY) Community College Direct Admissions



What is the type of admissions redesign?

Direct Admissions: High school students are proactively notified by a state postsecondary agency or system of their acceptance to at least one two- or four-year institution based on academic criteria (e.g., GPA) and can select the institution(s) of their choice by completing a simplified application without an application fee.

In which state is it based?

New York

What state postsecondary agency or system sponsors the program?

State University of New York (SUNY)

When was the program first started?



2023

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

SUNY

What are the central characteristics of the program?

SUNY sends letters to graduating high school seniors who have not already applied and been accepted to a SUNY campus, confirming their admission to their local community college; to secure a spot students have to complete a simplified form.ⁱ

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| Program Scope  | Does the program include all high school districts or only a portion ? Is opt-in required? | All public high schools outside of New York City are included; City University of New York (CUNY) has a separate program. |
| | Does the program support admission to four-year institutions, two-year institutions, or both ? | Two-year institutions |
| | Which institutions are participating in the program? | All of SUNY's community colleges are included, except for the Fashion Institute of Technology. |
| Eligibility Criteria and Application  | What are the academic eligibility criteria for students? | High school students must be on track to graduate. |
| | Are students still required to apply to postsecondary institutions? | No; to secure a spot students had to complete a simplified form. ⁱⁱ |
| | Is the application fee waived ? | No application fee is required. |

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| <p>Data and Policy</p> | <p>What is the data source for the program?</p> | <p>Through the SUNY Application website, system officials can determine who has already applied to a SUNY campus if that campus participates in the application website. SUNY also requests that community colleges provide lists of their applicants in case students have used a local application instead of the SUNY website.</p> |
| | <p>Did the state or system adopt policy related to the program, and if so what does the policy include?</p> | <p>No policy was passed or adopted for this program.</p> |

Information above is up to date as of December 2025

¹https://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/govt-relations/state/SUNY-Report-on-Enrollment-and-Financial-Sustainability_January2024.pdf

²<https://www.edsurge.com/news/2023-08-23-as-enrollment-lags-colleges-send-acceptances-to-students-who-haven-t-applied#:~:text=Boosting%20Community%20College%20Access,live%20in%20New%20York%20City>