



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
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Memorandum

To: Presidents
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Subject: Admissions Criteria for Intellectually Gifted and Mature Students Under 16 Years Old

This memo is to inform you that on August 19, 2005, the State Board of Community Colleges approved the *Admissions Criteria for Intellectually Gifted and Mature Students Under 16 Years Old* as attached.

The 2005 Session of the NC General Assembly enacted House Bill 583 that amended Chapter 115D of the General Statutes by re-instating section 115D-1.1 to allow a student under the age of 16 to enroll in a community college if the president of the college or the president's designee finds that the student is intellectually gifted and has the maturity to justify admission to the college. This criteria for the administration and implementation of the program begins with the 2001-2002 academic year and now expires September 1, 2008. Students recommended by public schools must be domiciled in the school district, and students may be recommended by a college/university administrator.

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A. Student Eligibility:

- (1) The student must be identified as intellectually gifted and having the maturity to justify admission to the community college.
- (2) The student must receive approval of the appropriate person designated in paragraph D(4).
- (3) The student must meet course prerequisites and placement testing requirements.

B. Course Eligibility:

Major and general education courses numbered 100 and above from the Common Course Library are eligible for the enrollment of intellectually gifted and mature students.

C. Other Operating Procedures:

- (1) Registrations of students under 16 years old are to be reported to the System Office using the regular curriculum student reporting information system.
- (2) When the student completes the course or withdraws therefrom, that fact plus the grade received are to be reported to the System Office.
- (3) Any student under the age of 15 shall be accompanied at all times when on the community college campus by a parent or another adult consented to and designated by the parent in writing.
- (4) Students enrolled under this section will pay appropriate tuition and fees.

D. Required documentation:

- (1) Aptitude test scores from a System Office approved list of tests taken within three years before the date of admission that include composite or sub-test scores documenting percentile ranges from 92% through 99%, **and**
- (2) Achievement test scores from a System Office approved list of tests taken within three years before the date of admission that include composite or sub-test scores documenting percentile ranges from 92% through 99%, **and**
- (3) Any costs associated with aptitude and achievement testing are the responsibility of the student.
- (4) A completed approval form from one of the following:
 - a. The local board of education, or the board's designee, for the public school administrative unit in which the student is domiciled or enrolled.
 - b. The administrator, or administrator's designee, of the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled.
 - c. The person who provides the academic instruction in the home school in which the student is enrolled.
 - d. The designee of the board of directors of the charter school in which the student is enrolled.
 - e. The administrator of the college or university where the student is enrolled.