



Ohio Administrative Code
Rule 3357:15-18-01 Admission policy.
Effective: June 2, 2025

- (A) Access to Ohio's state assisted colleges must be assured for every person who wants and can benefit from higher education. Stark state college (SSC) maintains an "open door" policy and cordially welcomes anyone who wishes to further his or her education. According to section 3345.06 of the Revised Code. Ohio law generally provides that graduates of twelfth grade are entitled to admission without examination to any state-supported college or university and further provides that such an institution may prescribe that certain courses must be completed for unconditional admission.
- (B) Open admission carries with it the full weight of equal opportunity for all which means the college must make every effort to be both sensitive and responsive to the needs of prospective students. The open admission policy allows a student to enroll in the college but not necessarily in a specific degree-granting program.
- (1) Standard admission. Standard admission to SSC is open to anyone who is a high school graduate or the equivalent and completes the enrollment procedures. Exceptions to the procedures would include not requiring placement testing at the point of admittance for applicable employer partnerships or apprentices. In instances of the exceptions, placement testing is required prior to enrollment in any course that requires a minimum placement test score to enroll.
- (2) Conditional admission. Students will be admitted conditionally to SSC if they do not achieve the test scores in English and/or reading indicated in the chart in this paragraph. Students who are admitted conditionally will be limited to taking up to two remedial courses(s) (maximum ten credits) where proficiency was not achieved and are required to successfully complete the course before being granted permission to take additional courses, if required by their programs.

			ACT	SAT Evidence-based reading and writing
English	Accuplacer (Writeplacer) 2		11	360



Reading	Next generation 219 or Reading Comprehension 28		11	360
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(3) Restricted program admission. Students who do not meet specific program requirements at the time of admission as set forth by SSC may be required to satisfactorily complete such requirements before admission into a specific program.

(4) College credit plus. Students can graduate college earlier by earning college and high school credit at the same time. The credits earned can be used to complete an associate of arts, associate of science, associate of applied science, or associate of applied business degree at SSC, which can then transfer to any Ohio public university towards a bachelor's degree. SSC follows all policies set forth by the Ohio department of higher education (ODHE).

(5) Early college high school (ECHS). ECHS is a program designed to offer Canton city high school students the opportunity to earn an associate degree while completing four years of high school.

(C) Required course placement: First-time degree or one year Ohio department of higher education (ODHE) certificate seeking students are required to complete all developmental courses into which they are placed by accuplacer and/or ACT/SAT scores and that are required by their programs, beginning with their first semester of credit enrollment and continuing for all subsequent semesters to completion. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis for a student returning after an absence at the discretion of the subject department chair or designee of the department chair.

(D) College-level coursework: first-time degree seeking students or certificate-seeking students are required to complete college-level English and math within the first thirty credit hours or as required by the program.