

**Texas Education Code
Section § 51.9241**

**ADMISSION OF STUDENT WITH NONTRADITIONAL SECONDARY
EDUCATION**

(a) In this section:

(1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(2) "Nontraditional secondary education" means a course of study at the secondary school level in a nonaccredited private school setting, including a home school.

(b) Because the State of Texas considers successful completion of a nontraditional secondary education to be equivalent to graduation from a public high school, an institution of higher education must treat an applicant for admission to the institution as an undergraduate student who presents evidence that the person has successfully completed a nontraditional secondary education according to the same general standards as other applicants for undergraduate admission who have graduated from a public high school.

(c) An institution of higher education may not require an applicant for admission to the institution as an undergraduate student who presents evidence that the person has successfully completed a nontraditional secondary education to:

(1) obtain or submit evidence that the person has obtained a general education development certificate, certificate of high school equivalency, or other credentials equivalent to a public high school degree; or

(2) take an examination or comply with any other application or admission requirement not generally applicable to other applicants for undergraduate admission to the institution.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 232, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

**Summary of Higher Education
Legislation
by Topic
78th Texas Legislature**

ADMISSIONS

House Bill 944 (King/Estes) –

Persons with nontraditional secondary education. Prohibits a public institution of higher education from having different admissions requirements for students who have completed a nontraditional secondary education. An institution may not require these students to obtain or submit a GED certificate or an equivalency to a public high school degree and may not require these students to take an examination or comply with any other application or admission requirement that is not applicable to other applicants.

This act takes effect on September 1, 2003 and applies to admissions on or after this date.