



Summer/Fall 2018 Updates

Undergraduate Admissions is making a few changes to the application process for this coming year. We wanted to provide you with some additional information on three items that will impact you and your students:

- **Self-Reported Academic Record**
- **Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success**
- **Graduation Verification**

Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)

Beginning with the summer/fall 2018 application cycle, which launches September 1, Penn State will be requiring applicants to submit a Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR). This will replace an official high school transcript being required to complete an application to Penn State. The SRAR will be reviewed with the application and be a significant component in determining the admission decision.

How will students submit grades?

Students will submit grades from years 9 through 11 and their grade 12 schedule via a link in Penn State's application or through the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success application, also launching September 1.

Students will submit courses with grades, cumulative GPA, and class rank. We strongly recommend that students obtain a copy of their transcript to ensure that the information entered is accurate.

What if a student makes a mistake?

Students can send an email to admissions@psu.edu with the subject line "Update Grades." This will allow Undergraduate Admissions staff to open the SRAR to correct the record and document the student-initiated change.

How should students enter a GPA?

Students should enter the GPA as it appears on the transcript, using a weighted GPA if the school provides one. They should not add or remove any weight to individual courses. There will be a separate field on the SRAR to account for each individual course's level (AP, honors, etc.).

Is a transcript required?

Students who accept an offer of admission to Penn State will be required to submit a final official school transcript after graduation. That transcript will be used to validate the SRAR and verify high school graduation. The deadline for submission of the final high school transcript will be **July 15**.

Students admitted after July 15 will have two weeks from the date they accept their offer to provide their final official school transcript to Undergraduate Admissions.

Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success

Penn State is joining more than 100 colleges across the country in using the Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success application beginning with the summer/fall 2018 admission year.

What is the Coalition?

The Coalition was developed to improve the college application process for all students as they search for and apply to their perfect college. The platform provides a single, centralized toolkit for students to organize, build, and refine their applications to multiple institutions.

Additional information about the Coalition initiative is available at coalitionforcollegeaccess.org.

Who can use the Coalition application?

First-year (freshman) domestic applicants living in the U.S. may apply to Penn State via the Coalition application.

Domestic students living abroad, international students, and transfer students should use Penn State's application through MyPennState.

Do you prefer the one application over another?

No, the evaluation process is the same if a prospective student applies through the Coalition Application or through MyPennState. There is no advantage or disadvantage to either application.

How do students access the Coalition application?

The Coalition application is available at mycoalition.org.

Graduation Verification

A student who has accepted an offer of admission to Penn State will need to have a final official school transcript sent to Undergraduate Admissions by July 15 or, for those who are admitted after July 15, no more than two weeks after accepting an offer of admission to Penn State.

Students will be notified by email that they need to complete this final step and will receive reminders through their Penn State student account on LionPATH, the University's student information system.

Failing to meet the transcript deadline will result in an accepted student being unable to access their financial aid or schedule classes for their first semester.

How can my school send transcripts to Penn State?

Transcripts can be sent in one of the following ways:

ELECTRONICALLY: Via Parchment, Penn State's Web Counselor System, eScrip-Safe, or the National Student Clearinghouse. This is the quickest way to send a transcript. If your school requires an email address to send a transcript electronically, please use admissions@psu.edu.

FAX: 814-863-7590

MAIL:

Penn State Undergraduate Admissions
201 Shields Building
University Park, PA 16802

IN PERSON: Students may deliver a transcript in an envelope sealed by your high school to the admissions office at the Penn State campus they will attend.

Web Counselor System

Penn State's Web Counselor System is a free service that allows school counselors to view applicant status information and submit final high school transcripts online.

If your school is not part of the Web Counselor System, please consider signing up at admissions.psu.edu/info/counselors/partners/.