Dear Parents/Guardians,

**This message contains Required Notification from the Texas Education Agency Regarding Automatic Admission to a Texas Public College or University and Algebra II as a High School Graduation Requirement**

A student is eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university if the student earned a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class or in the percentage of qualified applicants that are anticipated to be offered admission to The University of Texas at Austin\* (currently top 7%), and the applicant—

• has successfully completed the requirements for the **distinguished level of achievement** under the foundation high school program at a public high school; **or**

• satisfied ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment or earned on the SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent.

While a student is not required by state law (Texas Education Code, Section 28.025) to successfully complete Algebra II as a requirement for high school graduation, **a student may not earn the distinguished level of achievement or be eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university if the student does not successfully complete high school Algebra II.** In addition, many colleges and universities require Algebra II as an admission requirement even if the student is not in the top 10% of their class.

There are several state financial aid programs available for certain Texas public high school students. Certain state financial aid programs include curriculum requirements (such as Algebra II) that should be considered when planning a student’s high school career to ensure eligibility for financial aid under one of these programs. Please note that this is not a complete list of requirements and additional eligibility requirements apply. A full list of requirements is available through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s (THECB) financial aid webpage at

<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa.cfm?Kind=GS>

For initial eligibility for a TEXAS grant, a student enrolling in an eligible institution must be a graduate of a public or accredited private high school in this state who completed the Foundation High School Program or its equivalent and have accomplished any **two or more** of the following:

• Satisfaction of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) college readiness benchmarks prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

• Graduation in the top one-third of the student’s high school graduating class or graduation from high school with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale or the equivalent

• **Completion for high school credit of at least one advanced mathematics course following the successful completion of an Algebra II course or at least one advanced career and technical or technology applications course**

For additional information about graduation requirements, please visit the Fort Bend ISD website:

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/site/Default.aspx?PageID=107434>