

**STATE OF TEXAS  
EDUCATION CODE**

**TITLE 3. HIGHER EDUCATION  
SUBTITLE A. HIGHER EDUCATION IN GENERAL  
CHAPTER 51. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO HIGHER EDUCATION**

**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 non-accredited 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.**

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