

Academic Governing Council
Decision Form
Cut Score Policy 8.27

This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.

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Proposed Policy:

Admission to Grand Rapids Community College is open to all high school graduates, or those who have satisfactorily completed the General Education Development (GED) test or individuals 18 years or older. Grand Rapids Community College requires degree-seeking students to submit high school transcripts with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher and an American College Test (ACT) score of 18 or higher in the subject areas of math, reading, and English.

(Please see full policy language at the end of this form.)

Rationale:

This policy, last reviewed in 2008, was up for review. Upon review of benchmarking data, the team determined that GRCC's ACT composite score of 18 was consistent with other community colleges. The team did not recommend a change in the ACT Cut Score Policy.

Supporting Data:

- This policy was developed using a team approach, with representation from English and Mathematics faculty members, the Enrollment Center, and the Student Success Center, as well as comments from teaching and non-teaching faculty and discussion at AGC meetings in December 2013, February 2014, and March 2014.
- The team benchmarked twelve other community colleges; discussed effectiveness of current policy, last updated in 2008; reviewed feedback; and edited current policy.

Implications for Action:

- Students may be admitted without having received a high school diploma or GED, but must have completed either a high school diploma or GED to graduate from GRCC and to receive financial aid from GRCC.
- AGC need not wait five more years to propose revised AGC cut scores, but an issue paper would need to be prepared in order to reopen the topic for discussion.

Evaluation Plan:

This academic policy should be reviewed again in Spring, 2019.

Date of Decision by AGC: March 11, 2014

Response from Provost:

The Provost endorses the ACT Cut Score Policy as approved by the AGC effective July 1, 2014.

