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**Open Admission
Tutorial Script
2024-25 Data Collection**

This tutorial explains open admission policies. An institution has an open admission policy if all or almost all students with a high school diploma or GED are allowed to enroll without consideration of their academic record, ACT or SAT admissions test scores, or other qualifications.

If an institution rejects a small number of applicants based on a test, such as the Ability to Benefit test, but otherwise accepts most applicants, the institution still has an open admissions policy. Whether there is no specific admittance percentage defined for open admission, institutions should determine whether their institutions' policy is to allow a majority of students admission with exceptions made for unusual circumstances. SAT and ACT college admissions tests are different from qualifying tests such as the Ability to Benefit. Any institution that uses the SAT or ACT should NOT be open admission.

Data on admissions applications, acceptances, and enrollees are only collected for institutions that are not open admission and are meant to provide students with information that lets them know how likely they are to get accepted to an institution. Institutions that incorrectly report that they are not open admission will also report these data, and it may provide confusing information for students.

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