

Dear Families of Twelfth Grade Students,

As we approach the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, KUSD is excited to share important information about a new opportunity that could impact your child's future academic plans: The Wisconsin Guarantee.

The Wisconsin Guarantee (Act 95) Overview: The Wisconsin Guarantee

<https://www.wisconsin.edu/wisconsin-guarantee/> offers guaranteed admission to all 13 Universities of Wisconsin (UW) for qualified students. This initiative ensures that students across the state have access to higher education within the UW system.

Guaranteed Admission to the UW System:

- First-year applicants from Wisconsin high schools in the **top 10% of their class** at the start of grade 12 will be guaranteed admission to all UWs, **except UW-Madison**.
- First-year applicants from Wisconsin high schools in the **top 5% of their class** at the start of grade 12 will be guaranteed admission to all UWs, **including UW-Madison**.
- The Wisconsin Guarantee **does not** guarantee an applicant admission to any specific major, college, or school. Consideration for admission to direct-entry programs (e.g., business, engineering, dance, music) will remain part of the holistic review.

Next Steps: This is an incredible opportunity for our students to secure their spot on a UW campus, and we encourage all eligible students to take full advantage of this initiative. As you prepare for the upcoming school year, stay informed about your child's academic standing as indicated on their transcripts. Official transcripts, including GPA calculations, are updated three times a year in August, January, and June.

Those interested in applying to UW-Madison must note the Early Action deadline to ensure all necessary application materials are submitted promptly and on time. Students applying to all other UW should review Regular Admission deadlines and submit required materials to each university of interest.

If your child is outside the top 10% of their class, there will be opportunities to apply for admission to UWs through the traditional admission process.

Support and Resources: Our school counselors are always available to provide post-secondary support as you navigate this process. Please feel free to reach out to your child's counselor with any questions or for assistance with future planning.

We are committed to helping our students achieve their academic goals, and are here to support them every step of the way.

Sincerely,
KUSD



