The district shall admit students in credit classes who are:

A. Eighteen years of age or older and able to benefit from instruction, or

B. The holder of a high school diploma or equivalent, or

C. Currently attending high school as a sophomore, junior, or senior with a concurrent enrollment permit signed by the high school principal or designee and parent. Home-schooled students must provide proof of filing as a private school with the Superintendent of Public Instruction or may obtain sign off from the local public high school that the student would normally be attending.

The district may deny or place conditions on a student’s enrollment upon a finding by the Board of Trustees or designee that the applicant has been expelled within the preceding five years or is undergoing expulsion procedures in another California community college district, and that the applicant continues to present a danger to the physical safety of the students and employees of the district.

The district shall in its discretion, or as otherwise federally mandated, evaluate the validity of a student’s high school completion. The superintendent/president shall establish procedures for evaluating the validity of a student's high school completion.

Students under 18 years of age who have not completed high school and are not pursuing the equivalent of a high school education or who are requesting enrollment as a full-time student may directly petition the president of the college to authorize attendance by having their parents submit a petition.

Concurrently enrolled high school students are limited to enrollment in 11.0 semester units during the spring and fall term (8.0 units during summer) unless they are approved for full-time enrollment. High school students who are concurrently enrolled in 11.0 units or less during a semester or intersession are not required to pay MiraCosta College enrollment fees but are required to pay other college fees, such as nonresident tuition, parking, health services, and student center.
To be eligible for attendance at MiraCosta College for tuition-free, adult continuing-education (noncredit) courses in the authorized noncredit categories of parenting, home economics, health and safety, short-term vocational, and courses for older adults, a student must be 18 years of age or older.

To be eligible for attendance at MiraCosta College in the Adult High School or in noncredit English as a Second Language programs, a student must be 18 years of age or older or 17 years of age or older, concurrently enrolled in high school, and credit deficient. The concurrent enrollment permit must be signed by the student, the high school counselor, the principal or designee, and the parent or guardian. If 17 years of age or younger and not concurrently enrolled in high school, a minor’s petition must be signed by the student and the parent or guardian.

**Denial of Requests for Admission**

The board through its designee (superintendent/president) reserves the right to grant permission for special full-time or part-time enrollment by a pupil who is identified as highly gifted. If permission to enroll is not given, the findings and the reason for denying the request will be provided in writing within sixty days.

The written recommendation and denial shall be issued at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that occurs at least thirty days after the pupil submits the request to the district. The superintendent/president shall establish procedures regarding evaluation of requests for special full-time or part-time enrollment by a pupil who is identified as highly gifted.

**Claims for State Apportionment for Concurrent Enrollment**

Claims for state apportionment submitted by the district based on enrollment of high school pupils shall satisfy the criteria established by statute and any applicable regulations of the Board of Governors.

The superintendent/president shall establish procedures regarding compliance with statutory and regulatory criteria for concurrent enrollment.

**International Students**

The district shall administer a program designed to attract, screen, process, and admit international students consistent with Education Code sections 68060–68082, appropriate sections of Title 5, and all regulations of the Department of Homeland Security. Students who are citizens of a foreign country attending MiraCosta College on F-1 visas will be subject to the nonresident tuition and may be subject to a capital outlay fee. Nonresident tuition may be waived for currently enrolled F-1 international students who demonstrate financial need, provided that no more than ten percent of the total number of international students attending MiraCosta College are exempt from this fee (Education Code section 76140(a)(2)). Exemptions from this fee are granted on an individual basis.

International students on an F-1 visa are prohibited by the Department of Homeland Security from attending tuition-free courses.

See Administrative Procedures 5010, 5011, Admissions and Concurrent Enrollment of High School and Other Young Students, and 5012, International Students.