

Direct Admissions Overview for 2026/27



**ONE CLICK
COLLEGE ADMIT**

A program by the State of Illinois



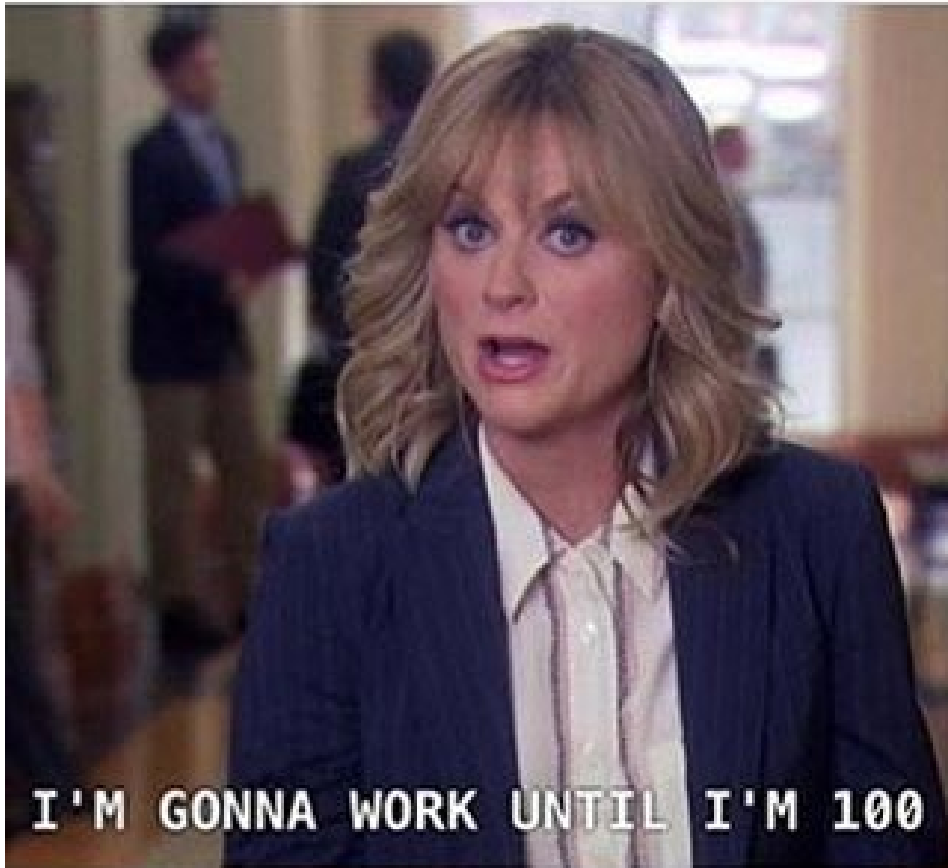
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Agenda

- Key Reminders
- Timelines
- Information your students will receive
- Opt in process for Community College students
- Q&A

We appreciate your hard work!



We are here to help!

- Weekly office hours Tuesday at 3:00 pm
- Will send out resources following this call
- Mark Mesle, mark.mesle@illinois.gov
- Goal is to learn and improve while still establishing continuity

Goal of Direct Admissions

We want to ensure more students see college as a real option and don't see the application process as a barrier.

Some Key Points to Keep in Mind

- Keep moving forward with Common App implementation
 - Everyone up on the platform by Feb 1
 - Common App has best practices they can share
- 13k juniors opted in last year
 - *HS seniors can also opt in to Direct Admissions*
 - Key difference is that seniors will not have their GPA validated
- Every year will bring more student involvement in Direct Admissions
 - We want Community Colleges fully represented

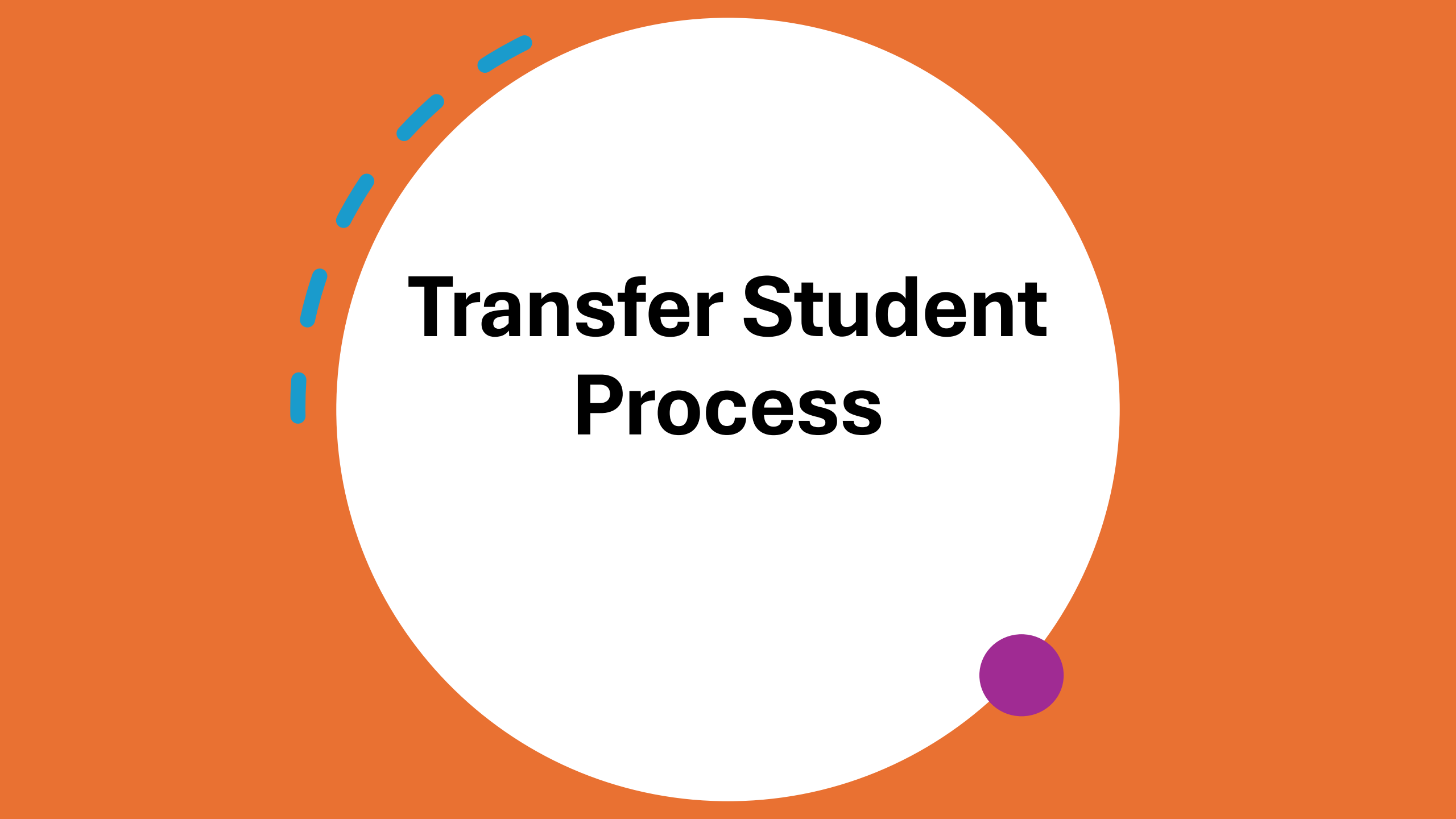
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Incoming High School Students

- HS students will weigh their options through the Common App platform
 - 13k opt ins will be informed of their local CC, but the platform raises your profile
 - You will be given the name, email and address of the 13k opt in students from your district to communicate with
 - Students can always apply through the standard process
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THREE KEY DATES

- **August 26/27:** Emails sent to 13k opt ins
- **Sept 8:** Broader HS seniors will be invited to participate
- **Sept 15:** CC transfer students will get their email

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Transfer Student Process



Your Journey through One Click College Admit

With One Click, students can apply to 10 Illinois public universities with no application fees, essays, or letters of recommendation.



Phase 1: The Foundation

Opt In to Your Future

Opt in to Direct Admissions through OneClickAdmit.org or your on campus opt-in process.

Phase 2: The Invite

Receive Your Offers

Students with 30 transferable credit hours will be informed which colleges they have been accepted to based on their GPA.



Phase 3: Consider Your Options

Engage and Learn

Each school will provide a link with key info about the university, its programs, and the enrollment process.



Phase 4: Begin Your Next Chapter

Finalize and Enroll

Select the school that works best for you and move forward with the full enrollment process.



Follow the Guidance

Be aware of scholarship deadlines and speak to your community college advisor about what school will be the best fit.



Focus on graduating!

Getting an associate degree puts you in the best position to succeed!



GPA Thresholds

College	GPA
Chicago State	2.0
Eastern	2.0
Governors State	2.0
Illinois State	3.5
Northeastern	2.0
Northern	2.0
SIUC	2.0
SIUE	2.0
Univ of IL Springfield	2.0
Western	2.0

Congratulations — you’ve been directly admitted to Northeastern.

Because you opted in to Illinois’ One Click College Admit initiative, and based on your grade point average and your completion of at least 30 hours of eligible coursework, you are receiving direct admission to Northeastern Illinois University.

You didn’t apply. You didn’t pay a fee. You didn’t write an essay or ask anyone for a letter of recommendation. You earned this with the work you’ve already done.

This offer is contingent on our review of official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended.

WHAT THIS MEANS

You’re admitted to the University. Direct admission covers admission to Northeastern, not to a specific major or program. A few programs have their own additional requirements — your enrollment specialist will tell you if the major you’re considering is one of them.

Nothing about this locks you in. Accepting your offer doesn’t commit you to enrolling. It opens the door so you can explore majors, meet people, look at scholarships, and find out whether Northeastern is where you want to finish your degree.

No application fee

No essay

No letters of recommendation

No waiting on a decision

WHY NORTHEASTERN — what sets us apart



WHAT IT COSTS — tuition and fees



SCHOLARSHIPS — what you may qualify for



YOUR NEXT STEPS — to claim your One Click College Admission Offer



Key Messaging for Transfer Students

- Focus on graduation
- Review each school that has accepted you
- Talk to your advisor
- Be mindful of deadlines
- Some students do not have the required hours, or were not enrolled last year, or do not have the necessary GPA
 - These students are urged to continue their CC education, speak to an advisor and they can always apply through standard process

We will share the what students will receive

- Letter for incoming high school seniors
- Letters transfer students will receive
 - If they are accepted, if they don't have enough hours or were not enrolled, if they don't have the required GPA
- GPA threshold for each school
- Links for each college landing page
- Office hours on Aug 18 at 3:00 pm for advisors/transfer staff

Opt In Transfer Process

Building opt in option into student
information flow works better!

Opt-In to Direct Admissions Opportunities – One Click College Admit

By selecting Yes, I consent to participate in the Illinois One Click College Admit program.

I authorize the College to share my GPA and completed credit hours with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and participating Illinois public colleges and universities for the purposes of determining my eligibility for direct admission offers.

I understand that opting in does not obligate me to enroll at any institutions. *

- ☐ Yes, I consent.
- ☐ No, I decline.

Keys to Opt In Process

- Both clarity and flexibility
 - You have time
 - Clear opt in language & legal language
 - Can be put in spring registration process, student portal
 - You can fit it into your system in a way that works for you
 - Not for Dual Credit students
- IR will schedule a follow up meeting, and we will send out guidance
- Oneclickadmit.org remains a viable option

Key Point About the Money

- Two year/cycle grace period on per application fees
- Goal is to make this sustainable long term for every college
- Key factors we need to determine:
 - How much funding ICCB can contribute
 - What is the per application fee
 - How do we ensure you are paying for relevant applications

Questions

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