Holistic Review
Sam Houston State University cares about the academic success of all prospective students. Incoming freshman who do not meet automatic admission requirements will be reviewed.

The Admissions staff may consider the following factors in the review process:

• Grade Point Average
• Specific class rank (on a seven-semester transcript)
• Size of graduating class
• Quality and competitive level of high school courses taken and grades earned (i.e. AP, Honors classes, Dual Credit)
• Academic progress and achievements
• Scores on either the ACT or SAT
• Personal Statement

To be considered for review, personal statements are due by August 1 for the fall semester and December 1 for the spring semester.

NOTE: After the review process, if a student is granted admission to SHSU under the review program, then he or she will be required to take and complete UNIV 1101 course during the first semester.

Appeals for Undergraduate Admissions
An applicant who has been denied admission may appeal that decision by email to Admissions (admissions@shsu.edu).