Regulation on Undergraduate Admission Guarantee for Graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

I. Purpose. This regulation implements the admission guarantee requirements established in Section 700.1.1.VI., of the UNC Policy Manual for graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM).

II. Requirements. Each UNC constituent institution must offer first-time (freshman) admission to any applicant attending the residential program at NCSSM who have satisfied the criteria identified in Section 700.1.1 of the UNC Policy Manual, including the academic program requirements listed below.

A. Academic Program Requirements. In order to remain eligible for the admission guarantee, a NCSSM student must:

1. Successfully complete two credits in physics, two credits in chemistry, one credit in biology, three credits in math, one credit in computer science or engineering, four credits in American Studies, one credit in a STEM elective, one credit in senior English, one credit in interdisciplinary humanities or an additional senior English, one credit in physical activity, three credits in residential education, one credit in service learning, two credits in campus service, and two years of January term coursework; and

2. Obtain a cumulative weighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.50, as calculated by NCSSM, including only courses taken at NCSSM.

B. Identification of Eligible Students. NCSSM shall be responsible for identifying and providing notification regarding the student’s eligibility for the admission guarantee at the time of application to the UNC constituent institution. This determination shall be based upon the student’s cumulative NCSSM GPA at the time of application and their progress towards completion of the requisite courses identified in the academic program requirements enumerated above.

1. Students must submit a completed application by an official admission deadline as defined by the UNC constituent institution in order to be eligible for the provisions of the guarantee.

2. A student who submits a completed application for admission for a deadline falling before December 31 shall have their cumulative NCSSM GPA as of the end of their Junior year serve as the basis of the review for the guarantee.

3. A student who submits a completed application for admission for a deadline falling January 1 or later shall have their cumulative NCSSM GPA as of the end of the fall semester of their senior year serve as the basis of the review for the guarantee.

4. A student who fails to satisfy the provisions of the admission guarantee may still apply to and be considered for admission by UNC constituent institutions under standard application procedures.
5. A student who does not satisfy the provisions of the admissions guarantee at the time of application, but then subsequently satisfies those provisions (e.g., raises their GPA above the minimum in the spring semester of their senior year), shall become eligible for the admissions guarantee at that time.

6. A student who satisfied the provisions of the admissions guarantee at the time of application, but then subsequently failed to satisfy those provisions (e.g., failed to complete a requisite course in the spring semester of their senior year) shall lose eligibility for the admissions guarantee at that time. The student may still be considered for admission by the UNC constituent institution outside of the guarantee.

III. Changes to Eligibility Requirements. Any changes to the eligibility requirements under this section shall only be made after consultation with, and the approval of, the chancellor of NCSSM.

III. Evaluation Requirements. An annual report of NCSSM applicants, acceptances, and enrollments shall be reviewed on an annual basis. That report shall also include information on the academic performance (e.g., retention, persistence, graduation rates) of said students.

IV. Other Matters

A. Effective Date. The requirements of this regulation shall be effective on the date of adoption of this regulation by the president, and comply with the effective dates included in Section 700.1.1 of the UNC Policy Manual.

B. Relation to Federal and State Laws and Policies. The foregoing regulation as adopted by the president is meant to supplement, and does not purport to supplant or modify, those statutory enactments, regulations, and policies which may govern or relate to the subject matter of this regulation.