

GPA and Test Score Ranges of Admitted First-Time Freshmen - Fall 2021 Data

Colorado Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities

The data below reflect the middle 50% ranges of students admitted at each institution - 25% had above and 25% had below these ranges. These are NOT requirements, but a guide to each institution's standards.

Both ACT & SAT are accepted by Colorado public institutions. Please refer to the online College Admission Guidelines tool for more information on admission criteria: coadmissionstool.org

Institution	High School GPA Mid-50% GPA range of admitted students (4.0 scale - includes weighted GPAs)	ACT~ Mid-50% ACT range of admitted students (composite scores)	SAT~* Taken March 2016 & After Mid-50% SAT range of admitted students (Evidenced Based Reading & Writing + Math)
Adams State University	2.91 - 3.79	17 - 23	910 - 1130
Colorado Mesa University	3.31 - 3.97	20 - 26	1032 - 1237
Colorado School of Mines	3.81 - 4.00**	30 - 34	1340 - 1480
Colorado State University Fort Collins	3.40 - 4.00	24 - 30	1120 - 1320
Colorado State University Global	2.40 - 3.17	16 - 18	1205 - 1360
Colorado State University Pueblo	2.95 - 3.88	18 - 25	940 - 1150
Fort Lewis College	3.04 - 3.88	17 - 25	1010 - 1230
Metropolitan State University of Denver	2.90 - 3.65	19 - 26	940 - 1180
University of Colorado Boulder	3.59 - 4.00	27 - 33	1200 - 1410
University of Colorado Colorado Springs	3.16 - 3.96	20 - 28	1030 - 1250
University of Colorado Denver	3.30 - 4.00	22 - 29	1070 - 1290
University of Northern Colorado	3.24 - 3.98	20 - 27	1010 - 1230
Western Colorado University	3.17 - 3.95	21 - 27	1040 - 1250

~ It is optional to submit SAT/ACT test scores to Colorado's public four-year colleges and universities. [Click here](#) for more information.

* SAT totals = Evidenced Based Reading & Writing + Math subscores. It does NOT include the Essay or Written Component score. ** Colorado School of Mines uses unweighted GPAs only in making admission decisions. Colorado Community Colleges are open admission and do not have admission standard requirements.

For additional information including transfer admissions, please visit: <https://highered.colorado.gov/students/preparing-for-college/admissions-eligibility>

Freshman admission standards apply to students who:

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- * are applying to go to college right after high school graduation; and/or
- * have earned fewer than 24 college level credit hours after high school graduation.



Colorado public four-year colleges and universities consider the following in making first-time freshman admission decisions:

- > **High School GPA** (if your high school provides a weighted GPA on your transcript, it is usually considered in the admission process)
- > **Test Scores—SAT or ACT** - Optional to submit (Taking the SAT? Visit the [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org) to prep) - institutions will often consider subject scores too
- > **Academic course mix and rigor** (see below for more information)
- > **Extracurricular activities and other considerations** (includes internships, work, sports, leadership, extenuating circumstances, etc.)

Course Mix and Rigor:

Course rigor can include Concurrent/Dual Enrollment courses, Honors, AP, IB, and more.

Course mix is represented by the **Higher Education Admission Recommendations (HEAR)**: the type and number of high school courses students should successfully complete to demonstrate college readiness - these courses can also be substituted with internships, capstones, and similar in the relevant academic areas:

Academic Area	Recommended Number of Units
English	4 Units
*Mathematics	4 Units
Natural Science	3 Units (2 Units lab-based)
Social Science	3 Units (1 Unit U.S. or world history)
World Language	1 Unit
Academic Electives	2 Units
TOTAL	17 Units

A unit = one year of a high school course. If you are taking a college level course while in high school, one semester = one unit.

*Currently, the HEAR math recommendation is that students should complete up through Algebra 2. However, some college programs require freshman students to be ready for calculus. Some recommend Statistics or Math for Liberal Arts preparation. If you know which program or area of study you wish to pursue in college, contact the admission or academic advising office at the institution you are considering for specific math preparation information.

Visit the CDHE Admission Web Page for More Information: <https://higher.ed.colorado.gov/students/preparing-for-college/admissions-eligibility>