

FAQ: College Admissions Standards and Remedial Education Policy Review

Why take another look at these policies?

State law requires the Department of Higher Education to review the two policies to consider the effects they're having on indicators of student success in college, including retention and graduation rates.

When did the review begin?

The two task forces have been meeting since May 2012. Task force members heard from a number of presenters and reviewed various reports and data before completing their initial recommendations for change in April 2013.

Who's serving on the task forces?

Members of the admissions standards policy task force include admissions and enrollment directors from various higher education institutions as well as student services directors and Colorado Department of Education staff. An advisory board to the task force includes higher education and K-12 representatives.

Members of the remedial education policy task force include testing directors, researchers, policy analysts, college readiness staff and freshman math program directors from various colleges and universities in addition to Colorado Department of Education staff. An advisory board to the task force includes higher education and K-12 representatives.

What's the timeline for reviewing the policies?

Department of Higher Education staff is launching a series of town halls to be held across the state to gather feedback on the policy recommendations from campuses, school districts, students, parents and community members. Input from those meetings will be incorporated by task force members into a final set of recommendations, which will go before the Colorado Commission on Higher Education for a vote by December 2013.

Where can I see the current policies and the proposed changes?

Admissions standards:

Current policy - <http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-partf.pdf>

Proposed changes -

<http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Groups/AdmissionTransferReview/default.html>

Remedial education:

Current policy - <http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-parte.pdf>

Proposed changes - <http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Groups/RemedialReview/default.html>