

Admission and Transfer Policy review task force
Index subcommittee

Group 2: To Index or not to Index?

- What are the alternatives to indexing?
- The general consensus is that the index is not necessary; we can do without it.
- The index can be really confusing and if we are trying to create a transparent policy, the index is not. This is also true for the window.
- Need to recognize that students are more than a number. BUT, the index is a baseline that provides institutions with a way to navigate a huge pool of students and is helpful for some universities.
- Talked about moving to a minimum GPA and ACT system- but really how is that different than the index?
- Talked about moving to a standard GPA- not a weighted GPA or moving to a core GPA where only core class are included in the GPA- but this may disadvantage some students such as students interested in art.
 - *** Ask other states what happened when they changed their GPA system
- Rather than publicizing the index, create a profile of a successful student at individual institutions (“the sweet spot”).

Next Steps for Index:

- The general consensus is to move away from the index and look for other alternatives.
 - >Look at alternatives to the index
- Research how other states have created alternatives to weighted GPA's
- Key question: Has the utilization of the index increased attendance of college in Colorado? How does the index help us achieve our goals?
- Talk to institutions to discover “the sweet spot” of success and retention for students at each institution.