



## Proposed Admissions Standards Colorado State University

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Colorado State University proposes the following standards for admissibility of freshman/first-year applicants:

### **High School GPA mid 50% range:**

Based on analysis of data for the previous year's admitted freshman/first-year student class, the following range represents the mid 50% GPA of admitted students and was a strong predictor of student success in the first year: **3.3 – 4.0 GPA.**

### **Assessment Scores mid 50% range:**

Based on analysis of data for the previous year's admitted freshman/first-year student class, the following range represents the mid 50% ACT and/or SAT test scores of admitted students and was a strong predictor of student success in the first year:

ACT Composite range = **23 – 28**

SAT Combined (Critical Reading & Math) range = **1050 – 1250**

*Colorado State University does not consider the written component of either test.*

### **Rigor:**

Beginning with the class of 2008, the CCHE implemented the Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR) based on research done by ACT. Colorado State University also has analyzed the transcript data of incoming students and has found the course work listed below to be highly predictive of freshman/first-year student success:

<u>Academic Area</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
English	4 Units	4 Units
Mathematics	3 Units	4 Units
Natural Science	3 Units	3 Units
Social Science	3 Units	3 Units
Foreign Language	Not Req.	1 Unit
<u>Academic Electives</u>	<u>2 Units</u>	<u>2 Units</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15 Units</b>	<b>17 Units</b>

*Colorado State University will consider other examples of rigor beyond HEAR, such as quantity and quality of core course work; successful completion of AP/IB and/or college courses; positive trend in grades; rigorous senior year course load; and high school courses in chosen career path. Applicants from a standards-based or alternative setting can be assessed for rigor and achievement outside traditional seat-time measures with demonstration of comparable/equivalent content mastery.*

### **Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) Endorsed Diploma Admission Guidelines:**

Colorado State University is a *selective* institution as listed in the Colorado Admission Standards Policy. As such, incoming freshman/first-year students with the PWR Endorsed Diploma will receive priority consideration (i.e., priority handling) in the admission process, providing no other exclusions exist (as listed in the Admission Policy: i.e., missing admission application deadline; failing to complete PWR Endorsed Diploma as reflected on the final transcript; and other factors such as violations of campus safety/conduct guidelines).

Colorado State University proposes the following standard for admissibility of transfer applicants:

### **Minimum Transfer GPA:**

Based on assessment of transfer student achievement at Colorado State University, the following minimum transfer GPA was a consistent predictor of student success upon transferring: 2.0 GPA.