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GPA and Test Score Ranges of Admitted First-Time Freshmen - Fall 2025 Data

Colorado 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 - however, because submitting test scores is optional for admission, test score ranges might not be an accurate indicator of standards.

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	2.68 - 3.82	20 - 23	850 - 1060
Colorado Christian University	3.50 - 4.30	25 - 30	1000 - 1500
Colorado College	3.64-3.96	30 - 34	1320 - 1460
Colorado Mesa University	3.31 - 3.97	20 - 26	1032 - 1237
Colorado School of Mines	3.80 - 3.99*	30 - 34	1350 - 1480
Colorado State University Fort Collins	3.31 - 4.04	23 - 30	1080 - 1330
Colorado State University Global	2.15 - 3.08	n/a	n/a
Colorado State University Pueblo	2.95 - 3.88	18 - 25	940 - 1150
Fort Lewis College	3.30 - 3.89	20 - 29	1010 - 1230
Metropolitan State University of Denver	2.66 - 3.60	17 - 22	890 - 1120
Regis University	3.21 - 4.0	n/a	n/a
University of Colorado Boulder	3.72 - 4.25	29 - 34	1210 - 1440
University of Colorado Colorado Springs	3.10 - 3.70	21 - 29	1000 - 1250
University of Colorado Denver	3.32 - 4.01	23 - 30	1070 - 1310
University of Northern Colorado	3.20 - 4.00	20 - 27	990 - 1220
Western Colorado University	3.14 - 3.97	21 - 28	1070 - 1270

~ 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.

Freshman admission standards apply to students who:
* 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.

Visit the online admission standards tool.

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 to prep) - institutions will often consider subject scores too
> **Academic course mix and rigor** (see below for more information). Course rigor can also include concurrent/dual enrollment, Honors, AP, IB, and more.
> **Extracurricular activities and other considerations** (includes internships, work, sports, leadership, extenuating circumstances, etc.)

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	
English	4
*Mathematics	4
Natural Science	3
Social Science	3
World Language	1
Academic Electives	2
TOTAL	**17**

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.

*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. Contact the admission or academic advising office at the institution you are considering for specific math preparatino information.

Visit the admission web page for more information.