

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

TOWN HALL MEETING COLORADO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Agenda

- ▣ Introductions & objective
- ▣ Overview of current admissions policy and recommended changes
- ▣ Overview of current remedial policy and recommended changes
- ▣ Feedback – **We want to hear from you!**
- ▣ Next steps

Objective of Town Hall Meeting

- ▣ Share policy recommendations
- ▣ Get feedback on recommendations
- ▣ Get feedback on communicating changes

Policy Review Process

- ▣ Statutorily required to review both policies

Phase I - Task Force Work
2011-2013

- Task force development and meetings
- Develop recommendations

Phase II - Vetting
2013

- Vetting with various constituents across Colorado

Phase III – Revision
2013

- Task Force makes final policy recommendations
- CCHE approves policy revisions

Phase IV - Communication
2013 - 2014

- Communication with K-12 and higher education
- Assist with implementation

Policy Review Timeline

- ▣ 2009 Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness definition adopted
- ▣ 2010 Standards and Assessments adopted
- ▣ 2010 Concurrent Enrollment/ASCENT begins
- ▣ 2012-13 Endorsed Diploma Pilot (APS/Sterling)
- ▣ 2013 (May) Graduation Guidelines adopted
- ▣ 2013 (Dec) Admission and Remediation Policy to be adopted
- ▣ 2014-15 All districts may participate in Endorsed Diplomas (proposed)
- ▣ 2014-15 New P-12 Assessments in Place (PARCC, Science, Social Studies)
- ▣ 2014-15 New Remediation Policy in place (proposed)
- ▣ 2017-18 Graduating HS Seniors must meet Admission Policy (proposed)
- ▣ 2020-21 Graduating Seniors must meet Graduation Guidelines (proposed)

Current College Admissions

- ▣ HEAR = Higher Education Admission Requirements

- ▣ Admissions Index =
 - Assessment score (ACT/SAT)
AND
 - Grade Point Average or class rank

INDEX scores

Colorado colleges & universities

Adams State College	80
Colorado School of Mines	110
Colorado State University	101
Colorado State University – Pueblo	86
Fort Lewis College	92
Mesa State College	85
Metropolitan State College of Denver	76
University of Colorado at Boulder	103
University of Colorado at Colorado Spring	92
University of Colorado at DHSC	93
University of Northern Colorado	94
Western State College	80

Guess who? Two examples



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GPA - 3.75
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“Andy”
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HEAR = Higher Education Admission Requirements

Academic Area	2008/2009	2010
English	4	4
Math (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II)	3	4
Natural Science (2 years, lab-based)	3	3
Social Science (U.S. history and/or world civilization)	3	3
Foreign Language	Not Required	1
Academic Electives	2	2
Total Academic units needed	15 units	17 units

Academic unit = one full year of school

Admissions: Proposed changes

1. Eliminate the admissions index as the only academic criteria
2. Focus on competency demonstration, including HEAR
3. Incorporate new state tests when available
4. Guarantee admissions for community college graduates
5. Increase transfer standard admissions

Current Remedial Education Policy

Skill Area	ACT Subscore	SAT Subscore	Accuplacer Score
Mathematics	Math 19	Math 460	Elementary Algebra 85
Writing	English 18	Verbal 440	Sentence Skills 95
Reading	Reading 17	Verbal 430	Reading Comprehension 80

Back to our examples ...



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Remedial: Proposed changes

1. Increase number of tests used to determine if remediation is needed, including PARCC, Compass, SBAC
2. Adopt differentiated placement for math remediation, based on field of study and institution
3. Review cut scores for determining remedial placement

One more time ...



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Town Hall Meetings

- ▣ May 8 – Aurora Public Schools
- ▣ May 20 – Denver Public Schools
- ▣ June 3 – Sterling
- ▣ June 4 – Colorado Springs
- ▣ June 17 – Fort Collins
- ▣ June 18 – Denver/Littleton
- ▣ June 24 – Durango
- ▣ June 26 – Grand Junction

Thank you!

- ▣ Learn more on our website:
 - Admissions Policy Review
<http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Groups/AdmissionTransferReview/default.html>
 - Remedial Policy Review
 - <http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Groups/RemedialReview/default.html>

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