

## NEW Colorado State University (CSU) ADMISSION STANDARDS

A *NEW* application process and set of admission standards is being implemented at CSU. *These changes are effective immediately for students who intend to apply for next fall 2008 admission (or those students who are graduating high school in 2007/2008).*

It is preferred that students apply to CSU online using one of the following options:

- The Common Application, at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
OR
- CSU's online application, at [www.admissions.colostate.edu](http://www.admissions.colostate.edu)

Colorado State University is committed to conducting a comprehensive, holistic, individual review of every application for admission. ***Priority Consideration*** will be given to applicants who have completed the 18 academic units listed below and have earned a minimum 3.25 GP A. However, ***all interested students are strongly encouraged to apply to CSU, as the individual, holistic review will include a broad range of factors***, some of which are outlined here.

### Academic Standards (18 academic units) for Priority Consideration\*

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| • English          | 4 units   |
| • Math             | 4 units* (must include algebra I, algebra II and geometry)  |
| • Natural Sciences | 3 units (2 units must be lab-based)   |
| • Social Sciences  | 3 units (1 unit must be US or world history)  |
| • Foreign Language | 2 units* (must be same language)  |
| • Electives        | 2 units (music, art, theatre/drama, career/technical education courses such as engineering and agriculture, computer science, journalism, or additional courses in subject areas above) |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>18 units</b>   |

### **Academic Achievement**

- Cumulative grade point average (minimum 3.25 at time of application for priority consideration\*).
- Academic rigor as evidenced by course load, Honors courses, AP/IB courses, or concurrent enrollment in college courses
- Trends in grades

**\*Applicants who do not meet the 18 recommended academic units and/or have below a 3.25 grade point average *are strongly encouraged to apply for admission* since the previously mentioned "holistic review" will be used to include a broad range of factors.**

**SAT or ACT test** (Writing component of either test is not required for admission)

**Personal Essay** (minimum 250 words)

Applicants are encouraged to use the essay and short answers within the application to describe their school involvement, community service, leadership, obstacles overcome, honors received, and ability to contribute to the campus community.

**One teacher or school-based counselor recommendation**

The Recommendation Form included in the application for admission may be submitted with or without an attached letter of recommendation. The recommendation will help us further assess the applicant's academic and personal strengths.

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Division of Enrollment and Access  
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