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To: Colorado High School Students and Parents

From: Joseph A. Garcia, Lieutenant Governor and Executive Director
Colorado Department of Higher Education

Recently the Colorado Department of Education announced that Colorado juniors will begin taking the SAT next year and that the ACT test will be phased out. This change has prompted concern among students and their parents about whether the SAT is accepted for college admission or the student would be penalized by submitting SAT scores to a college or university.

This purpose of this letter is to assure Colorado students and their parents that in fact the change will have no effect on Colorado public college admission requirements. For many years, every public institution of higher education in Colorado has accepted the SAT *and* the ACT from applicants. Throughout those years, most students submitted ACT scores with their applications, but there were still a significant number each year (mainly students from out of state) who submitted SAT scores. The colleges and universities are well equipped to accept either set of scores. In fact, the Colorado Department of Higher Education, in consultation with the public colleges and universities, developed an "Admissions Eligibility Index" that took into account high school GPA, class rank, and the score on *either* the ACT *or* the SAT. As we plan for future changes to the Admissions Policy, including those for 2019, all Colorado public colleges and universities will continue to accept both the SAT and the ACT.

The Colorado Department of Higher Education and the presidents and chancellors of all Colorado public colleges and universities want to assure you that the change from ACT to SAT will present no difficulties either for applying students or for admissions offices.

On the reverse side of this letter is a list of the public college and university CEOs, all of whom agree on this issue. If you would like additional information about any school's admission standards, I have included the telephone number, email address, and website for each admissions office, and I am certain they would welcome your inquiries.

You can see the Admissions Index at
<http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-partf-index.pdf>

The new Index Score Calculator is at
<http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Admissions/IndexScore/default.asp>

The Admissions Index will not apply to students who are currently high school freshmen; rather, they will be able to use the new Admissions Tool help determine their eligibility for specific Colorado colleges and universities (<https://www.coadmissionstool.org>).



Listed below are all of the public institutions of higher education in Colorado, along with information to help you learn more about their admissions requirements. Although the state's community and technical colleges are open admissions and, as a result, do not have admission standard requirements, they are nonetheless included for your convenience.

Institution	Chief Executive Officer	Admissions Office Email	Admissions Office Telephone
Adams State University	Dr. Beverlee J. McClure	apply@adams.edu	800-824-6494
Aims Community College	Dr. Leah L. Bornstein	admissions.records@aims.edu	970-667-4611, x 3300
Arapahoe Community College	Dr. Diana Doyle	admissions@arapahoe.edu	303-797-5621
Colorado Mesa University	Mr. Tim Foster	admissions@coloradomesa.edu	970-248-1875
Colorado Mountain College	Dr. Carrie Besnette Hauser	joinus@coloradomtn.edu	800-621-8559
Colorado Northwestern Community College	Mr. Russell George	admissions@cnc.edu	800-562-1105
Colorado School of Mines	Dr. Paul Johnson	admit@mines.edu	888-446-9489
Colorado State University	Dr. Tony Frank	admissions@colostate.edu	970-491-6909
Colorado State University - Pueblo	Dr. Lesley Di Mare	visitorcenter@csupueblo.edu	719-549-2462
Community College of Aurora	Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven	onlineadvisor@cgaurora.edu	303-360-4700
Community College of Denver	Dr. Everette Freeman	arr@ccd.edu	303-556-2420
CSU-Global Campus	Dr. Becky Takeda Tinker	admissions@CSUGlobal.edu	800-920-6723
Delta Montrose Technical College	Mr. John Jones	admissions@dmtc.edu	888-393-5252
Emily Griffith Technical College	Mr. Jeff Barratt	www.emilygriffith.edu	720-423-4700
Fort Lewis College	Dr. Dene Kay Thomas	admission@fortlewis.edu	970-247-7184
Front Range Community College	Mr. Andy Dorsey	www.frontrange.edu	970-204-8107
Lamar Community College	Mr. John Marrin	admissions@lamarcc.edu	719-336-1589
Metropolitan State University of Denver	Dr. Stephen Jordan	askmetro@msudenver.edu	303-556-3058
Morgan Community College	Dr. Kerry Hart	kim.maxwell@morgancc.edu	800-622-0216, x3167
Northeastern Junior College	Mr. Jay Lee	admissions@njc.edu	800-626-4637, x7000
Otero Junior College	Mr. Jim Ruzzuto	information@ojc.edu	719-384-6831
Pickens Technical College	Ms. Rhonda Robbins	kksimpson@aps.k12.co.us	303-344-4910
Pikes Peak Community College	Dr. Lance Bolton	admissions@ppc.edu	719-502-3000
Pueblo Community College	Dr. Patty Erjavec	admissions@pueblocc.edu	719-549-3010
Red Rocks Community College	Dr. Michelle Haney	admissions@rrcc.edu	303-914-6360
Trinidad State Junior College	Dr. Carmen Simone	Bernadine.degarbo@trinidadstate.edu	800-621-8752
University of Colorado Boulder	Dr. Philip P. DiStefano	apply@colorado.edu	303-492-6301
University of Colorado Colorado Springs	Dr. Pamela Shockley-Zalabak	admrec@uccs.edu	719-255-3383
University of Colorado Denver	Dr. Dorothy Horrell	admissions@ucdenver.edu	303-315-2601
University of Northern Colorado	Ms. P. Kay Norton	admissions@unco.edu	888-700-4862
Western State Colorado University	Dr. Gregory B. Salsbury	admissions@western.edu	800-876-5309

