

PRE-COLLEGIATE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT

In October, 2003, the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) revised the Admissions Standards Policy to include the addition of a pre-collegiate curriculum requirement. The revised admission standards apply to students who graduated from high school in spring 2008 and later and seek to qualify for admission to Colorado's four-year public institutions. Community colleges will continue to be open admissions; students enrolling in these institutions are not subject to admissions standards.

Summary of the Pre-collegiate Curriculum:

The pre-collegiate curriculum is a combination of courses, primarily in the areas of English, mathematics, natural sciences, and social sciences that students should plan to complete as preparation for entering one of Colorado's four-year public colleges or universities. Many states now have some form of pre-collegiate curriculum structure, either as a requirement to qualify for admission to four-year colleges/universities or as a high school graduation requirement. The pre-collegiate curriculum for Colorado is as follows:

Academic Area	Number of Units
English	4
Mathematics (Algebra I level and higher)	4
Natural Sciences (two units must be lab-based)	3
Social Sciences (at least one unit of US or world history)	3
World Language (must be same language)	2
Academic Electives	2
TOTAL	18