

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

First-Year Students

First-year applicants are degree-seeking students who, at the time of application, have not yet attempted college-level course work **after** high school graduation. For these students, Colorado State University Pueblo considers indicators to determine a student's admissibility, including high school GPA, core competencies, and **optional** test scores.

Applicants Must Submit:

1. An online Colorado State University Pueblo application or Common App
2. A \$25 application fee (non-refundable)
3. An official transcript of high school records or official high school equivalency exam scores (see Transcript Requirements below).

Weighted 2.0 GPA

First-year students must have a minimum weighted 2.0 high-school GPA (grade point average) on a 4.0 U.S. GPA scale. Student with less than a 2.0 GPA may be admissible if student provides a statement regarding academic performance that includes:

- Explanation for the lower GPA
- Any changes student has made to improve GPA
- Any steps student will take to ensure success at Colorado State University Pueblo

The statement of academic performance is valid for **one calendar year**.

Core Competencies

Colorado State University Pueblo recommends that prospective students complete the following core competencies prior to admission:

Academic Area (Number of Units*)

- English (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Natural Science (3)
- Social Science (3)
- World Language (1)
- Academic Electives (2)
- *Total (17)*

*An academic unit, also referred to as a Carnegie unit, is the equivalent to one full academic year of credit in a specific subject.

Optional ACT/SAT Test Scores

Students are not required to submit test scores for admission to Colorado State University Pueblo. However, some scholarships may consider ACT or SAT scores to assist in determining eligibility.

Transcript Requirements

All first-year students are required to provide an official high school transcript* at the time of application. All first-year students are required to provide a final official transcript showing high school completion. Transcripts are only considered official if issued directly to Colorado

State University Pueblo Office of Admissions by the high school, school district or state department of education.

GED

Students who submit high school equivalency exam scores (including General Education Development (GED) and other state-wide approved exams) in place of high school transcripts must have the issuing agency forward official test scores (not the certificate) to Colorado State University Pueblo Office of Admissions.

Concurrent Enrollment

Students who have earned college credit through concurrent enrollment while completing high school should request official transcripts from the college or university where the credits were earned. Concurrent enrollment credits may count toward a degree at Colorado State University Pueblo but do not reclassify a first-year student as a transfer student. Transcripts are only considered official if issued directly to Colorado State University Pueblo by the college or university where the credits were earned. Students who have earned concurrent enrollment credit through Colorado State University Pueblo are not required to provide an official transcript.

*For students with non-U.S. transcripts: All international documentation must be translated, certified, and authenticated through an approved credentialing agency. For further information regarding this process, refer to the International Students Admission Requirements (<https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/admission-requirements/international-students>) section of the catalog.