

# CSU Admission – Grades and Test Scores

The grades you earn in high school are the most important factor in CSU admission decisions. Your high school grade point average is calculated using your grades in all your college prep *a-g* classes completed after the 9th grade.

Test scores are required **unless** you have a grade point average above 3.0 *and* are a resident of California.

The CSU uses a calculation called an eligibility index that combines your high school grade point average with the score you earn on either the SAT or ACT tests. Even if you have a GPA above 3.0, it is useful to take either an SAT or ACT as the score may indicate if you do not need to take English and math placement tests after you are admitted and before you enroll at the CSU. (The eligibility index for out-of-state students is higher and admission requirements for international students are somewhat different.)

**Note:** *While SAT/ACT test scores are not required to establish the admission eligibility of California residents with high school grade point averages of 3.00 or above (nonresidents 3.61 or above), **impacted campuses and impacted first-time freshmen enrollment categories often include test scores among the supplemental criteria required of all applicants to those campuses and enrollment categories.***

If you have your high school GPA and the results of your SAT or ACT test, then you can calculate your eligibility index. From there you can quickly see whether you meet the minimum admission standards. Remember, some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or those students who live outside the local campus area.

## Eligibility Index for Residents of California or Graduates of California High Schools

GPA	ACT	SAT
2.99	10	510
2.98	10	520
2.97	10	530
2.96	11	540
2.95	11	540
2.94	11	550
2.93	11	560
2.92	11	570
2.91	12	580
2.90	12	580
2.89	12	590
2.88	12	600
2.87	12	610
2.86	13	620
2.85	13	620
2.84	13	630
2.83	13	640
2.82	13	650
2.81	14	660
2.80	14	660
2.79	14	670
2.78	14	680
2.77	14	690
2.76	15	700
2.75	15	700

GPA	ACT	SAT
2.74	15	710
2.73	15	720
2.72	15	730
2.71	16	740
2.70	16	740
2.69	16	750
2.68	16	760
2.67	16	770
2.66	17	780
2.65	17	780
2.64	17	790
2.63	17	800
2.62	17	810
2.61	18	820
2.60	18	820
2.59	18	830
2.58	18	840
2.57	18	850
2.56	18	860
2.55	19	860
2.54	19	870
2.53	19	880
2.52	19	890
2.51	20	900
2.50	20	900

GPA	ACT	SAT
2.49	20	910
2.48	20	920
2.47	20	930
2.46	21	940
2.45	21	940
2.44	21	950
2.43	21	960
2.42	21	970
2.41	22	980
2.40	22	980
2.39	22	990
2.38	22	1000
2.37	22	1010
2.36	23	1020
2.35	23	1020
2.34	23	1030
2.33	23	1040
2.32	23	1050
2.31	24	1060
2.30	24	1060
2.29	24	1070
2.28	24	1080
2.27	24	1090
2.26	25	1100
2.25	25	1100

GPA	ACT	SAT
2.24	25	1110
2.23	25	1120
2.22	25	1130
2.21	26	1140
2.20	26	1140
2.19	26	1150
2.18	26	1160
2.17	26	1170
2.16	27	1180
2.15	27	1180
2.14	27	1190
2.13	27	1200
2.12	27	1210
2.11	28	1220
2.10	28	1220
2.09	28	1230
2.08	28	1240
2.07	28	1250
2.06	29	1260
2.05	29	1260
2.04	29	1270
2.03	29	1280
2.02	29	1290
2.01	30	1300
2.00	30	1300

Below 2.0 does not qualify for regular admission

**Note:** For admissions purposes, the CSU uses only the SAT scores for mathematics and critical reading.