

## CHAPTER 52

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**EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**


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**SENATE BILL 96-009**

SENATORS Meiklejohn, Norton, Tanner, Ament, Bishop, Hernandez, Martinez, Pascoe, and Weddig;  
also REPRESENTATIVES Allen, Keller, Clarke, and Mace.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING ACADEMIC ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 23-1-113 (1) (b) and (1) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1995 Repl. Vol., are amended to read:

**23-1-113. Commission directive - admission standards for baccalaureate and graduate institutions of higher education.** (1) (b) (I) The standards established FOR FIRST-TIME ADMITTED FRESHMAN STUDENTS shall use ~~at least two of the following three criteria for first-time admitted freshmen students: Standardized test scores, high school grade point average, and high school class rank~~ A COMBINATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND NATIONAL ASSESSMENT TEST SCORES FOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. The criteria established AND THE SPECIFIED PERFORMANCE LEVELS shall be consistent with the role and mission established for each state-supported institution of higher education. In lieu of ~~such~~ THE ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE criteria, additional criteria may be used for up to twenty percent of the admitted freshmen, except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section. Students who meet the minimum criteria for admission shall not be guaranteed admission to the institution to which they have applied, but they shall be eligible for consideration.

(II) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b):

(A) "ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDICATORS" MAY INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO, GRADE POINT AVERAGE, CLASS RANK, AND CONTENT STANDARD PERFORMANCE LEVEL ASSESSMENTS.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(B) "NATIONAL ASSESSMENT TEST SCORES" MAY INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO, ACT TEST SCORES AND SAT TEST SCORES.

(c) The standards established FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS shall use ~~college grade point average~~ COLLEGE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDICATORS as the ~~criterion~~ ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for admitted transfer students. In lieu of such ~~criterion~~ CRITERIA, additional criteria may be used for up to twenty percent of the admitted transfer students, except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section. The academic admission standards and policies established for transfer students shall be consistent with the student transfer agreements established by the commission pursuant to section 23-1-108 (7). STUDENTS WHO MEET THE MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION SHALL NOT BE GUARANTEED ADMISSION TO THE INSTITUTION TO WHICH THEY HAVE APPLIED, BUT THEY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

**SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 8, 1996