

**Guaranteed Admissions Agreement  
for  
Students from a Partnership Program High School  
with the  
College of Engineering and Applied Science  
at the University of Colorado at Boulder**

The College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU-Boulder) seeks to enroll students who have the academic preparation necessary to successfully complete one of its baccalaureate degree programs.

When the records of applicants graduating from a Partnership Program High School are evaluated for admission to the College, the strength of the academic course work and the grades received will be highly weighted. For guaranteed admission, students must maintain consistent or improving grades throughout high school, and must select increasingly challenging college-preparatory courses during their junior and senior years. Students must also attain grades of B or better in core math, science, engineering/technology, language arts, and foreign language courses during both the junior and senior years.

In conjunction with his/her academic record, the student's performance on the ACT and/or SAT tests will be evaluated, as well as an assessment of the appropriateness of the student's desire to major in engineering. Students should be aware that taking the standardized ACT and/or SAT test in the junior year is not viewed favorably unless the student's score on the test meets the Guaranteed Admissions Requirement listed on the following page; otherwise students should take an additional ACT and/or SAT test in the fall of their senior year to improve their score.

An additional element that is factored into the admission decision is the academic reputation of the secondary school that the student has attended. In a collaborative partnership between the College of Engineering and Applied Science and a Partnership Program High School, it is assumed that the academic excellence of the high school's course work remains challenging and that the performance of their students once they have matriculated at CU-Boulder's College of Engineering and Applied Science will warrant a continuation of this guaranteed admissions agreement.

**Partnership Program High School Course Requirements, Grade Point Average, and Test Score Requirements**

Partnership Program High School students who successfully meet all of the following academic requirements will be eligible for direct admission into the College of Engineering and Applied Science at CU-Boulder:

**Partnership Program High School Course Requirements:**

<p><b>Minimum Academic Preparation Standards (MAPS)</b>          One unit equals one year of high school study.</p>
<p><b>English.....4 units</b></p>
<p><b>Mathematics.....4 units</b></p>
<p>All four units must target preparation of the student for calculus, and must include at least through pre-calculus          (students who complete calculus in high school will be better prepared)</p>
<p><b>Natural Science.....3 units</b>          Includes 1 unit of physics AND 1 unit of biology or chemistry;          --or-- 2 units of chemistry AND 1 unit of physics or biology;          --or-- 2 units of biology AND 1 unit of chemistry or physics          (students who complete four units of science, including one year of chemistry and one year of physics, will be better prepared)</p>
<p><b>Social Science.....3 units</b></p>
<p><b>Single foreign language.....3 units</b>          (or two years each of two different languages)</p>
<p><b>Total units.....17 units</b></p>

**Partnership Program Grade Point Average and Test Score Requirements:**

<p><b>Cumulative Grade Point Average</b> of at least 3.25 (on a 4.00 scale) at the time of application; and  <b>Minimum score</b> of 650 on the Math portion of the SAT exam, or 28 on the Math portion of the ACT exam; and  <b>Minimum score</b> of 32 on the Reading portion of the SAT exam, or 26 on the English portion of the ACT exam</p>
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For guaranteed admission, Partnership Program High School students must apply by the application deadline and satisfy other sections of the admission application (e.g., essays, academic and behavioral conduct). As previously mentioned, for guaranteed admission students must maintain consistent or improving grades through their senior year, while maintaining the academic rigor of junior and senior year classes. Students who are guaranteed admission may be placed in special academic support programs at CU-Boulder.

**Additional Considerations**

Students from partnership schools that do not meet the above criteria will not be guaranteed admission to the College of Engineering and Applied Science at CU-Boulder; however, such students will be considered for admission on an individual basis. In some cases, CU-Boulder may offer admission to the College of Arts and Sciences as an alternate college option.

CU-Boulder prides itself in a holistic review of all applications, so mandatory essays will give the applicant an opportunity to inform the University of any tragedies, medical issues, challenges, or other extenuating circumstances that may have temporarily affected the student's ability to perform in high school.