



Transfer vs. Application of Credit *and the* Online Admission Standards Tool

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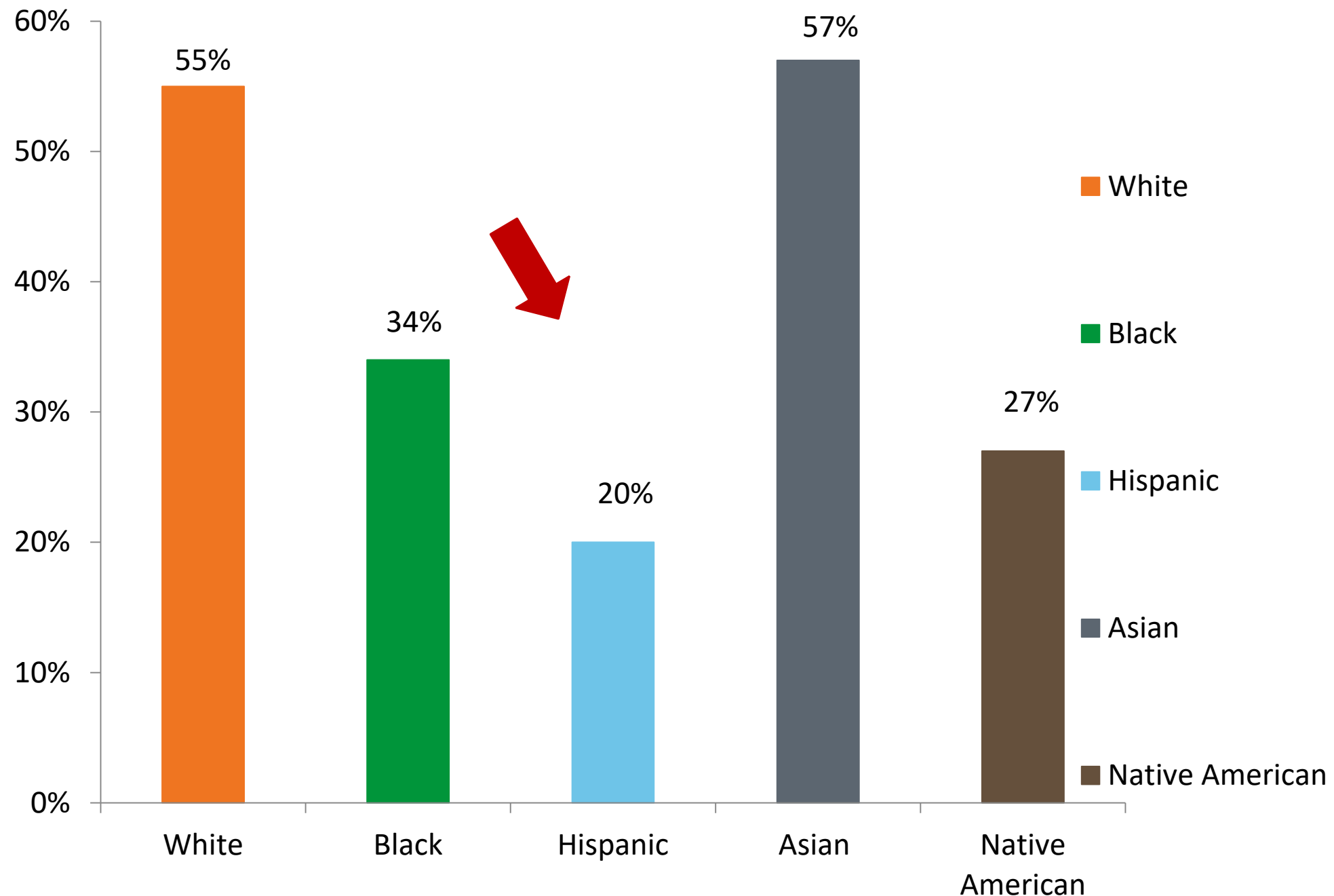
But First:
*CCHÉ's Strategic Priority
Initiative #1*

Cutting the Credential
Attainment Gap in Half by
2025

Colorado's degree attainment gap

In 2020, 74% will require postsecondary

Colorado residents, adults aged 25-64, who have an associate degree or higher in 2013



Agenda

✖ Course Transfer vs. Applicability

✖ Current Admission Policy

✖ New Admission Policy

(focusing on freshman admission policy for this presentation - transfer admission is changing too)

✖ Online Admission Tool

Transfer vs. Application of Credit

Just about any course will **transfer**,



but that doesn't mean the credits will
apply to degree requirements.

Transfer vs. Application of Credit

Examples:

- A. **Math** pathways are not all the same
- B. Exhausts **electives**
- C. **Changes** program of study (e.g. CTE to AA/BA)
- D. **Institution** specific criteria

Transfer vs. Application of Credit

Safeguards:

A. **ICAP**

B. **gtPathway** courses

C. Use Statewide Prior Learning
Assessment **(PLA)** Policy for AP/IB...

D. **Institution** specific criteria

Current Admission Policy

GPA or Class Rank

Index!



Test Scores (ACT/SAT)



Higher Education
Admission Requirements (HEAR)

Current Admission Standards



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Higher Education Admission Standards (HEAR)

- ✓ English..... 4 Units
- ✓ Math..... 4 Units
- ✓ Natural Science..... 3 Units (2 lab)
- ✓ Social Sciences..... 3 Units (1 US or World)
- ✓ World Language..... 1 Unit
- ✓ Academic Electives 2 Units

New Admission Policy: The Why

- Policy requires that CCHE review the policy every three years
- Three years ago an a statewide admission task force recommended changes which CCHE approved
- CCHE is transitioning from inputs (admission) to outputs (retention and grad rates)

New Admission Policy: The Summary

1. The Index is RETIRING
2. Begins fall 2019
3. HEAR will still be used to explain rigor standards, but may vary by institution - other examples: CE courses, AP, IB, Honors
4. 50% mid range for admits used
5. Additional considerations examples: work & volunteer experience, leadership, etc.

New Admission Policy

GPA 50% Mid Range



ACT/SAT 50% Mid Range



Academic Rigor (many using HEAR)



Additional Considerations



New Admission Standards

New Admission Policy: An Example

Last year, the average admitted student at Ski Hill University had between:

- A 3.0-3.5 GPA;
- 1100-1400 on the SAT;
- Good mix and rigor of academic courses; and
- Was involved in leadership and extracurricular activities

College Admissions Planning Tool

Online, interactive tool

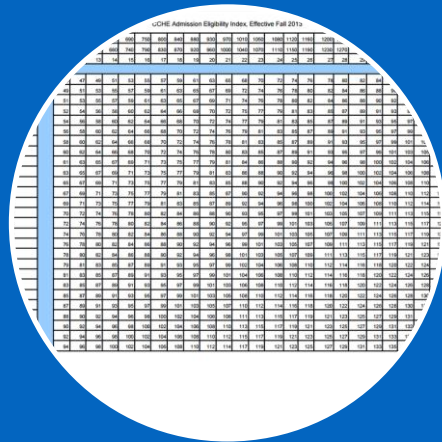
Provides admission standard
information for Colorado public
colleges and universities

Also private non-profit institutions

College Admissions Planning Tool



Motivated by
new
Admission
Policy (fall
2019)



More
descriptive
than the
Index and
HEAR



Mid 50% of
GPA and test
scores
instead of
minimums



Planner for
ALL ages (the
earlier the
better!)



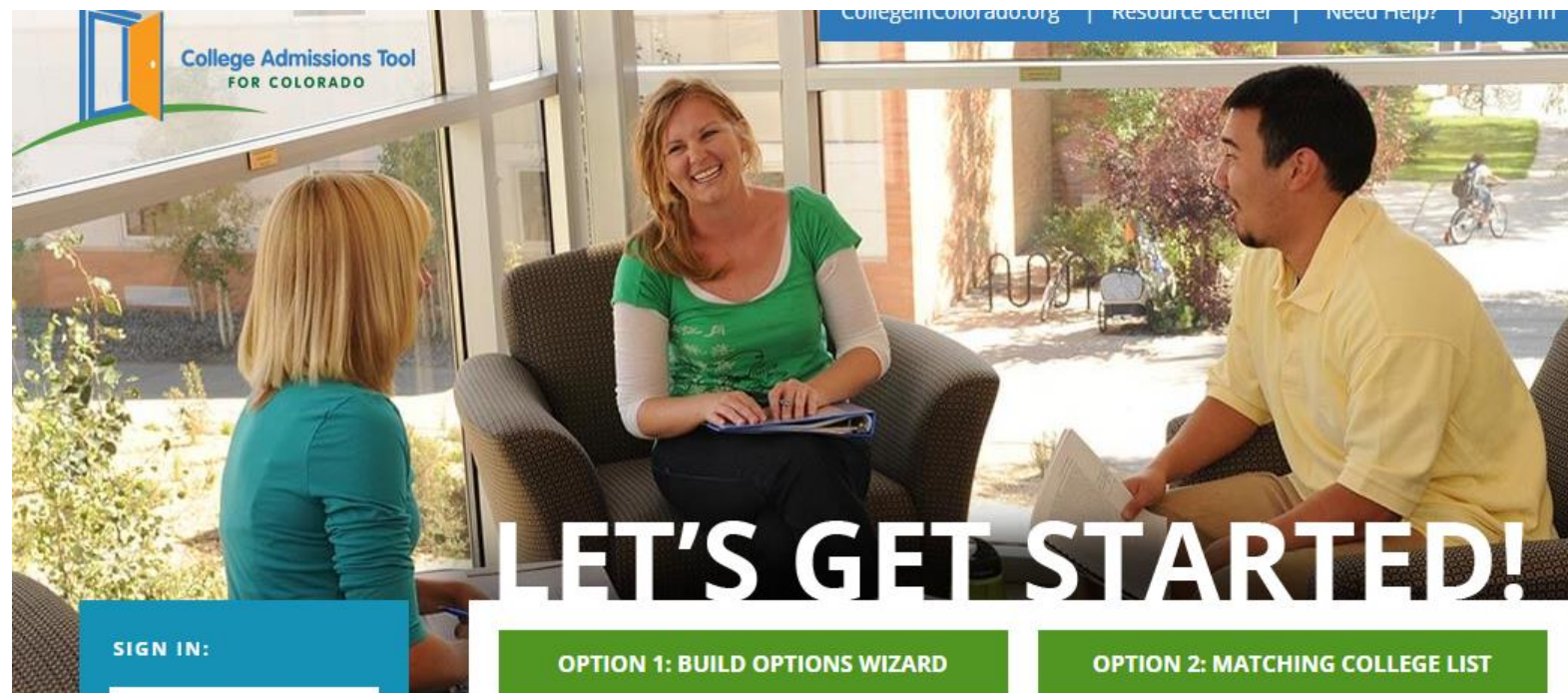
College Admissions Planning Tool

Located
on the
College In
Colorado
home
page!

The screenshot shows the homepage of CollegeInColorado.org. At the top, the logo "CollegeInColorado.org" is displayed with the tagline "GO FURTHER → GO TO COLLEGE". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the logo, a navigation bar contains links for "CAREER PLANNING", "HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING", "COLLEGE PLANNING", "FINANCIAL AID PLANNING", and "YOUR PORTFOLIO". The main content area features a large banner with the text: "A FREE Website to **DISCOVER** your path. **DESIGN** your plan. **OWN** your future through higher education." Below this banner is a "SPOTLIGHT ON" section with the text "Build your resume and gain experience. Start looking now for your summer job." and an image of flip-flops and glasses. To the right of the spotlight is a vertical list of buttons: "→ ADMISSIONS TOOL" (circled in red), "→ EN ESPAÑOL", "→ MONEY 101" (with subtext "Brochures + Lesson Plans + Guides"), and "→ FOR PROFESSIONALS" (with subtext "Pro Center + Training + Support"). Below these buttons are social media links for Facebook ("LIKE US") and Twitter ("FOLLOW US"). On the far right, there is a "SIGN IN" section with fields for "Account name:" and "Password:", a "Sign In" button, and links for "New to this site? Create an account", "Forgot your account name or password?", and "WHAT'S NEW" (with links to "College Admissions Tool", "ASSET Website", "More News", "Scholarships!", "Our Team, Your Turf", and "Get Motivated"). At the bottom right, there is a "QUICKLINKS" section.

College Admissions Planning Tool

<https://www.coadmissionstool.org/>



LET'S GET STARTED!

SIGN IN:

If you have a
CollegeInColorado
account >Sign In

OPTION 1: BUILD OPTIONS WIZARD

Your best choice for more in-depth discovery
and understanding.

OPTION 2: MATCHING COLLEGE LIST

Get right to it. Evaluate yourself based on GPA
and test scores.

Make your dream school a reality.

This tool will help you find out how the classes you take, your GPA and test scores compare to Colorado college's and university's admission standards. And, if you choose to attend a technical or community college, you can explore that pathway as well.

You can and should continue your education beyond a high school diploma or GED/HiSET/TASC.

- 97% of jobs on Colorado's *Tier 1 job list typically demand some form of education beyond high school.
- Would you rather make \$50,196 or \$31,280 a year? In 2015, the median annual income for Coloradoans with a four-year college degree was more than \$50K and only about \$31K for a high school graduate or equivalent.
- The unemployment rate for Coloradoans with a four-year or higher college degree was just 2.6% in 2015. For high school graduates, it was nearly double that.



Freshman Admission
Standards



Now with
videos!

Thank you!

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