

1. **Question:** Who sets the minimum college admission standards and how do they apply?

**Answer:** The minimum college admission standards are set by the Washington Student Achievement Council and these standards apply to all public baccalaureate institutions in Washington.

2. **Question:** What do the Minimum College Admission Standards include?

**Answer:** The minimum college admission standards include:

- 2.0 minimum GPA.
- Official SAT or ACT test scores sent directly to the college or university.
- Completion of specific high school coursework, i.e. College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs).
  - 4 English credits
  - 3 Mathematics credits
  - 3 Social Science credits
  - 2 Science credits
  - 2 World Language credits
  - 1 Arts credit

3. **Question:** Are the CADRs the same as high school graduation requirements?

**Answer:** No. High school graduation requirements and the minimum college admission standards are not the same. For high school graduation, the [Washington State Board of Education](#) establishes minimum requirements.

4. **Question:** If students meet the minimum college admission standards, will they be admitted to a 4-year college or university?

**Answer:** Meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee admission. Each institution determines their own admission policies and practices, which may include higher standards than the minimum set by the Washington Student Achievement Council. Other admissions criteria may apply.

5. **Question:** If a student didn't complete the CADR's coursework in high school, or is a returning adult student, can they still apply for admission?

**Answer:** Yes. Institutions do have the option of waiving requirements, and may choose to do so when reviewing student application materials to make admissions decisions.