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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** CSU Presidents  
CSU Provosts and Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs

**From:** Eric G. Forbes   
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**Subject:** **The New Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)**

In March 2016, the College Board began administering a redesigned SAT. Most fall 2016 entering FTF would have taken the long-standing version of the test and would not be affected by this change. However, there may be a few students who have taken the new version. At the same time, most FTF entering in fall 2017 or later will have been administered the new test. Thus, a significant number of applicants may have both old and new test results.

Due to the lateness of the concordance tables and other supporting information from the College Board, any applicant who meets the current First-time Freshmen Minimum Eligibility Index will be eligible for CSU admission regardless of the SAT test taken, for the 2016 - 2017 admission cycle beginning October 1, 2016.

The test redesign necessitated a review of the First-Time Freshmen Eligibility Index, CSU EAP, EPT, and ELM cut scores. After discussion with the College Board, the Chancellor's Office Analytic Studies department, and systemwide Academic Senate committees, the following tables are provided.

An independent First-Time Freshmen Eligibility Index will be available for new SAT test takers beginning with the fall 2017 admission cycle. See attached copy. This new SAT index does not concord with the ACT index so it will be maintained separately. The CSU will accept the Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and the Mathematics section scores of the SAT to determine the applicant's CSU minimum eligibility index. The SAT eligibility index formula will remain the same: SAT (scores in mathematics and EBRW) + (800 x high school grade point average).

The following compares the eligibility index for the two SAT versions.

Test Version	In-State Minimum Eligibility Index	Out-of-State Minimum Eligibility Index
New SAT (March 2016)	2950	3570
SAT(Prior to March 2016)	2900	3502

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It is important to note:

- The CSU will accept both old and new SAT scores from students currently in grades 9 – 12 (graduating in 2020 or prior). Any student graduating after 2020 will be required to take the new SAT.
- The new and old SAT tests are not constructed in the same way. Consequently, campuses may “superscore” or combine results with *like-tests only*. If an applicant has taken both the new and old SAT, the total score that is most advantageous to the applicant should be used.
- The essay is not required nor is it recommended for applicants.

A review of the CSU EAP, EPT and ELM cut scores was also conducted. The following chart provides the new SAT Cut Scores, the corresponding CSU EAP statuses, and the EPT/ELM proficiency scores now in effect as well as the old scores.

Test	CSU Ready Cut Score (exempt from ELM/EPT)		CSU Conditionally Ready Cut Score (Conditionally Exempt from ELM/EPT)		CSU Not Yet Ready or Not Ready Cut Score (Not Exempt from ELM/EPT)	
	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old
<b>SAT (EBRW)</b>	550	500	540-510	460	500 or below	450 or below
<b>SAT Math</b>	570	550	560-520	490	510 or below	480 or below

The CSU Eligibility Index, EAP, ELM, & EPT Cut Scores for ACT test takers remains the same.

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