

Admission Policies

The admissions policy for each college differs, but you can get an idea of how selective the process is by the type of school you're considering.

Admission policy	Type of school	Typical ACT composite score	Typical SAT critical reading + math score*
Open - All high school graduates are accepted until the school or program's enrollment capacity is reached.	All public two-year community and technical colleges and some private career schools in Minnesota.	None Required	None Required
Liberal - While most two-year colleges will accept any student with a high school diploma (or GED), some popular or difficult programs within those colleges are more selective.	Some public two-year community and technical colleges and some private career schools in Minnesota.	18 or higher	870 or higher
Traditional - The majority of freshmen accepted are in the top 50 percent of their high school graduating class.	Public universities and some private colleges and universities.	21 or higher	990 or higher
Selective - The majority of freshmen accepted are in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class.	Some public colleges and universities and some private colleges and universities. Some specific programs at schools.	24 or higher	1110 or higher
Highly selective - The majority of freshmen accepted are in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class.	Elite private colleges and universities.	27 or higher	1220 or higher

* Score does not include the writing portion of the SAT.

Highest score possible is a 36.

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Talk with the admissions office of the colleges you want to attend to learn more about specific admissions requirements and exception policies.