

# ICAP LESSON: College Entrance / Index Scores

Grade: 11

**Materials:** Index Sheets  
GPA & PLAN results  
Index Worksheets  
[Higered.colorado.gov/academics/admissions/indexscore](http://Higered.colorado.gov/academics/admissions/indexscore)

## Go Over ACT Information

- When is ACT?
- What is a good ACT score?
  - National Average = 21.1
  - Subject level benchmarks are the score that lets you into 1<sup>st</sup> year college level classes. See **Information Brief** for more details.
    - Reading – 17 – Required for any social sciences class ex: Psychology 101)
    - English – 18 – Required for English Composition
    - Math – 22 – Required for College Algebra
    - Science – 24 - Required for College Biology
- How many times can you take the test?
  - 12 times max
  - Most students take it 2 times – once in 11<sup>th</sup> once in 12<sup>th</sup>
  - See **Retake the Test** for more information.

## Go Over Index Scores

- What is it?
  - The combined number that represents your college readiness.
- How do you find it?
  - Find your GPA on the left side of the page and your ACT/PLAN on the top of the page. The intersection of those columns is your “Index Score”.
- Who uses them?
  - All 4-yr Public colleges in the state are required to look at your index score as part of their admissions process.
  - Many private schools and colleges in other states have similar indices and may or may not publish them.
- Minimums

- All 4-year state schools have a minimum index score that 80% of their admitted students must meet.
- Bubble applicants
  - Student that fall within 10 points of the minimum index score are “bubble” students. If you fall on the bubble, the college then looks more closely at letters of recommendation, personal statements, interviews, etc. to evaluate your admissions decision.
  - Students that fall more than 10 points below the minimum index can NOT be admitted.

**Hand out GPA / Projected ACT scores & Worksheets**

- The GPA listed for each student is through the completion of last semester.
- The ACT score range is based upon each student's Plan score their sophomore year.
- Each student should find his/her own index score and complete the worksheet.