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The CSU’s Academic Preparation Policy:

- Utilizes high school coursework, which is shown to be a strong indicator of a student’s future success in college
- Expands the use of multiple measures for placement
- Aligns GE English and math courses with a student’s needs and career goals
- Redesigns the Early Start Program to engage participating CSU students in college credit courses that cultivate academic success
Placement in GE English and Math

Multiple Measures
Assessment Tests (CAASPP-EAP, ACT, SAT, AP)
High school grades and coursework

Fulfilled
GE requirements in English and/or math fulfilled

Ready
Ready for GE English and/or math courses

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CSU campuses will provide admitted first-time freshmen information about the appropriate next steps.