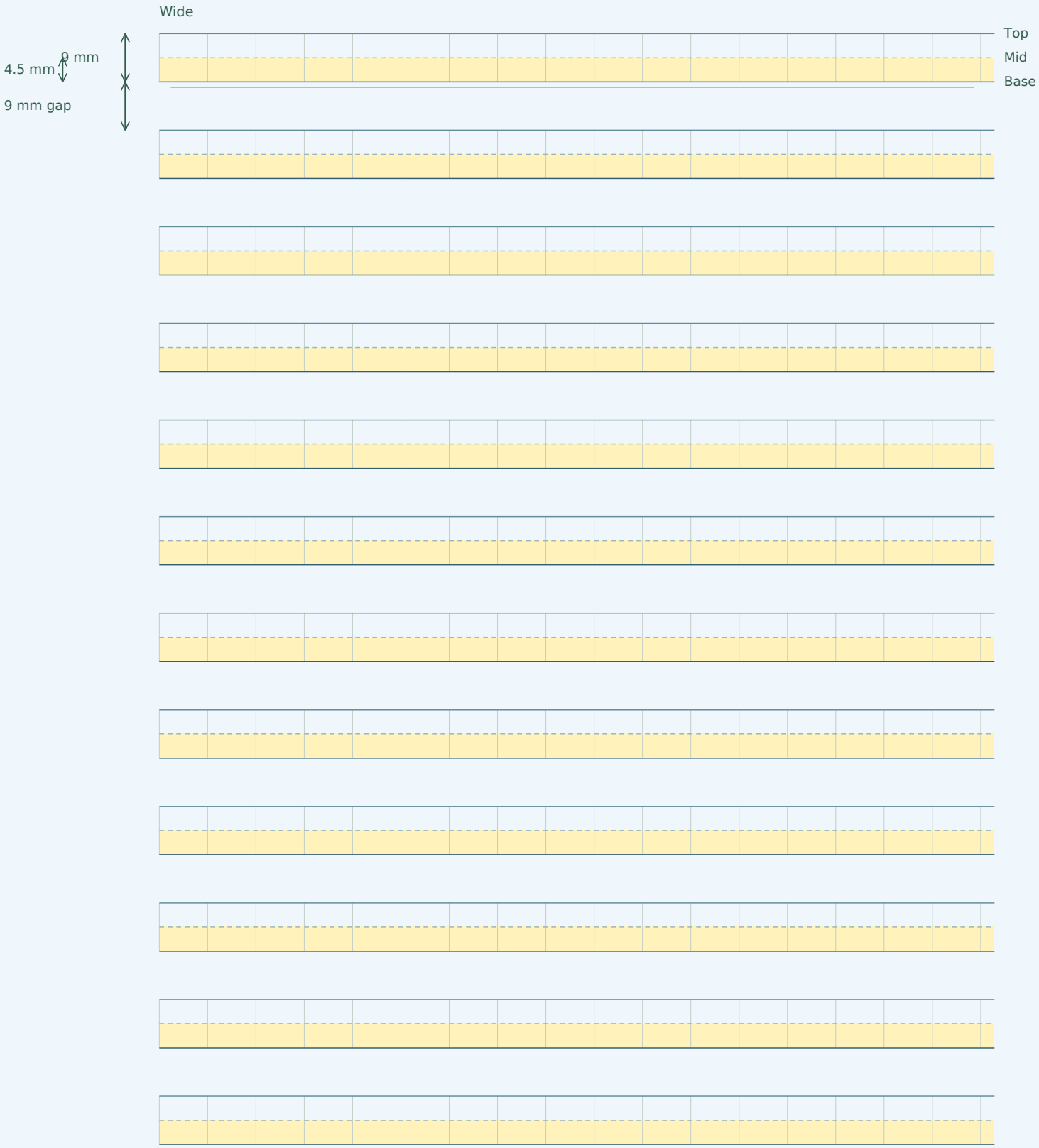
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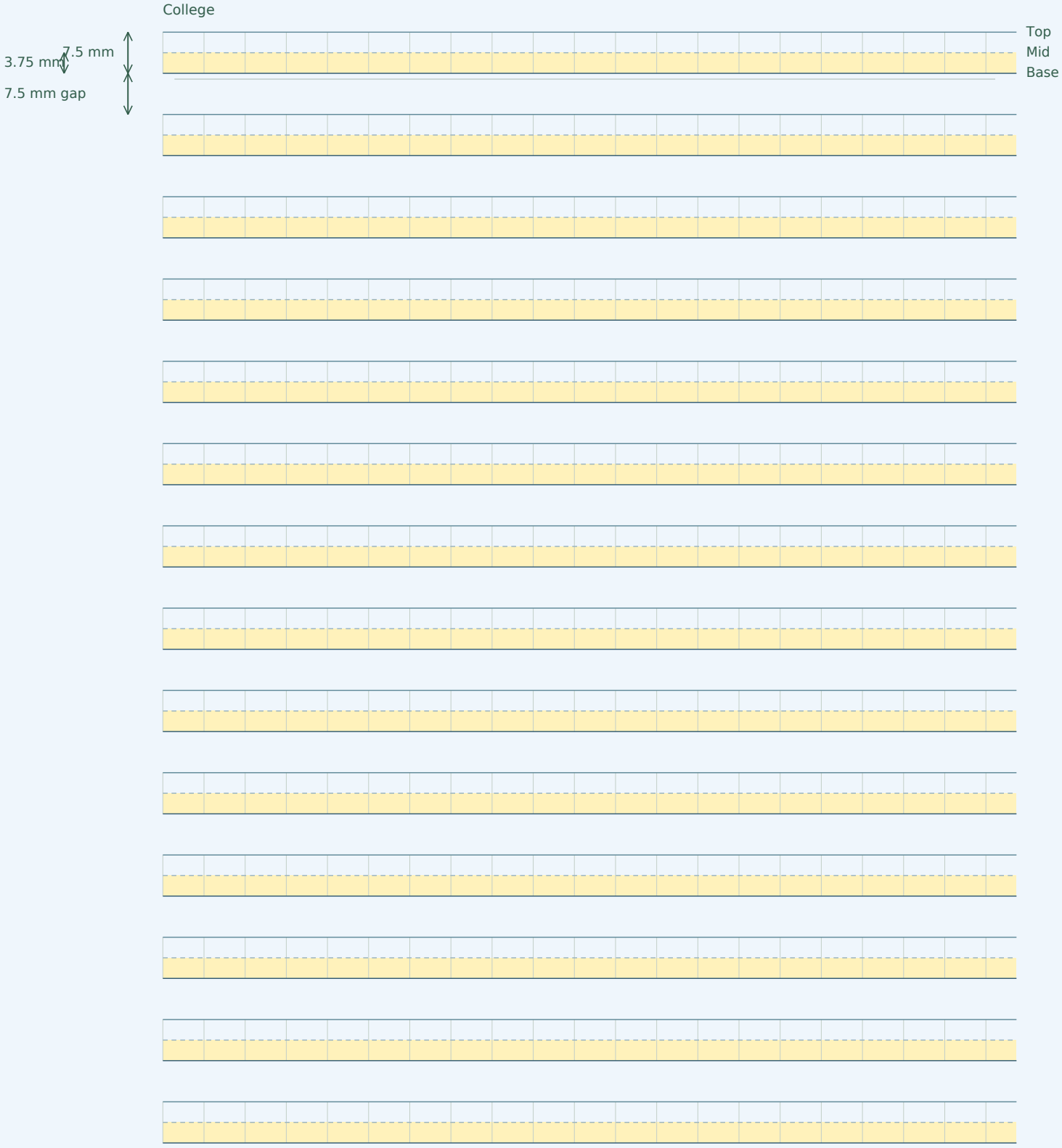
Ruling Comparison Chart — Page One



Wide sample: 9 mm baseline-to-baseline, no midline. Use note: large-letter practice. Measure the actual sheet.

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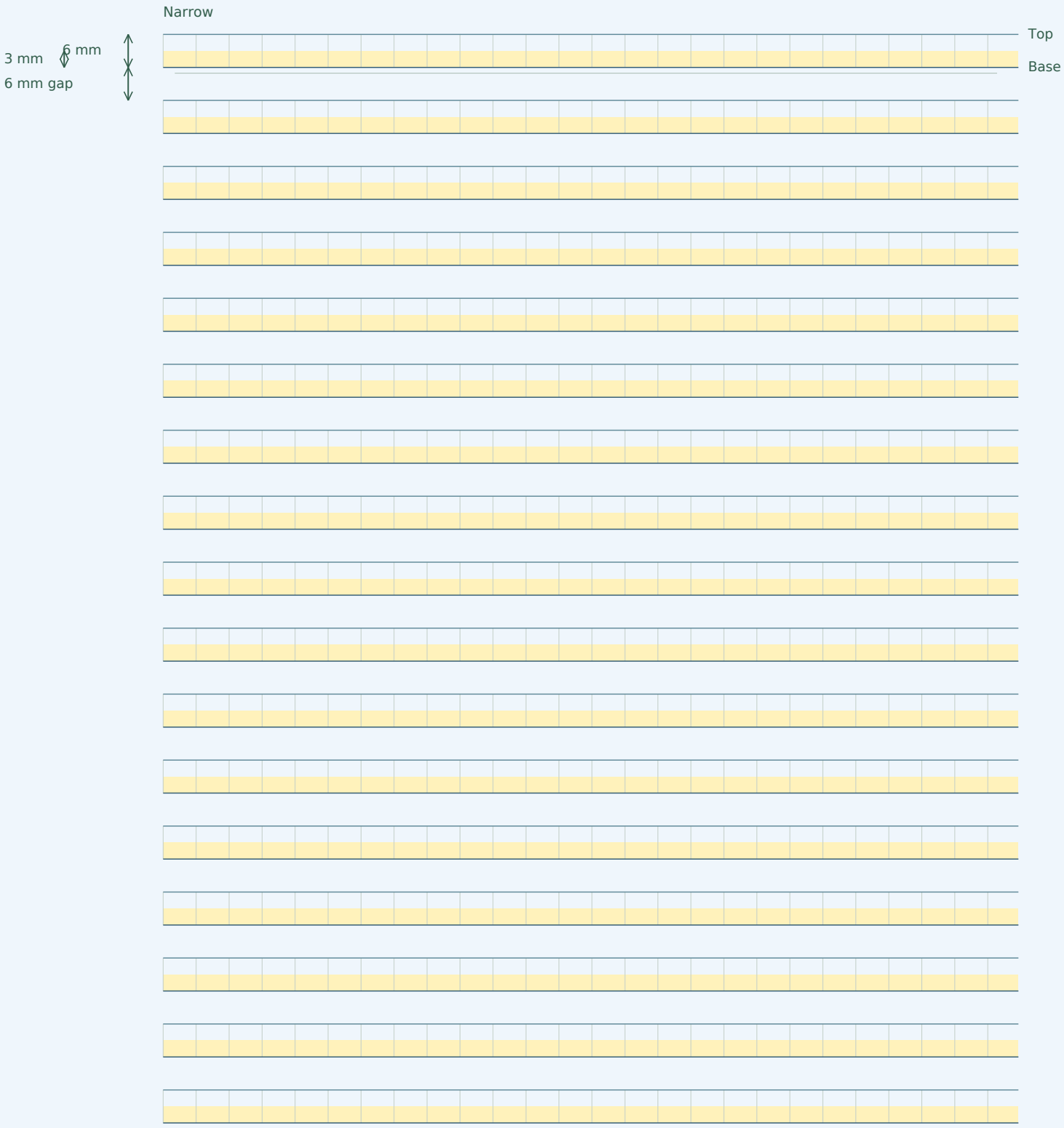
College Ruling Sample



College sample: 7–8 mm baseline-to-baseline, dashed midline near middle. Use note: general notes. Label is not standardized; measure the actual sheet.

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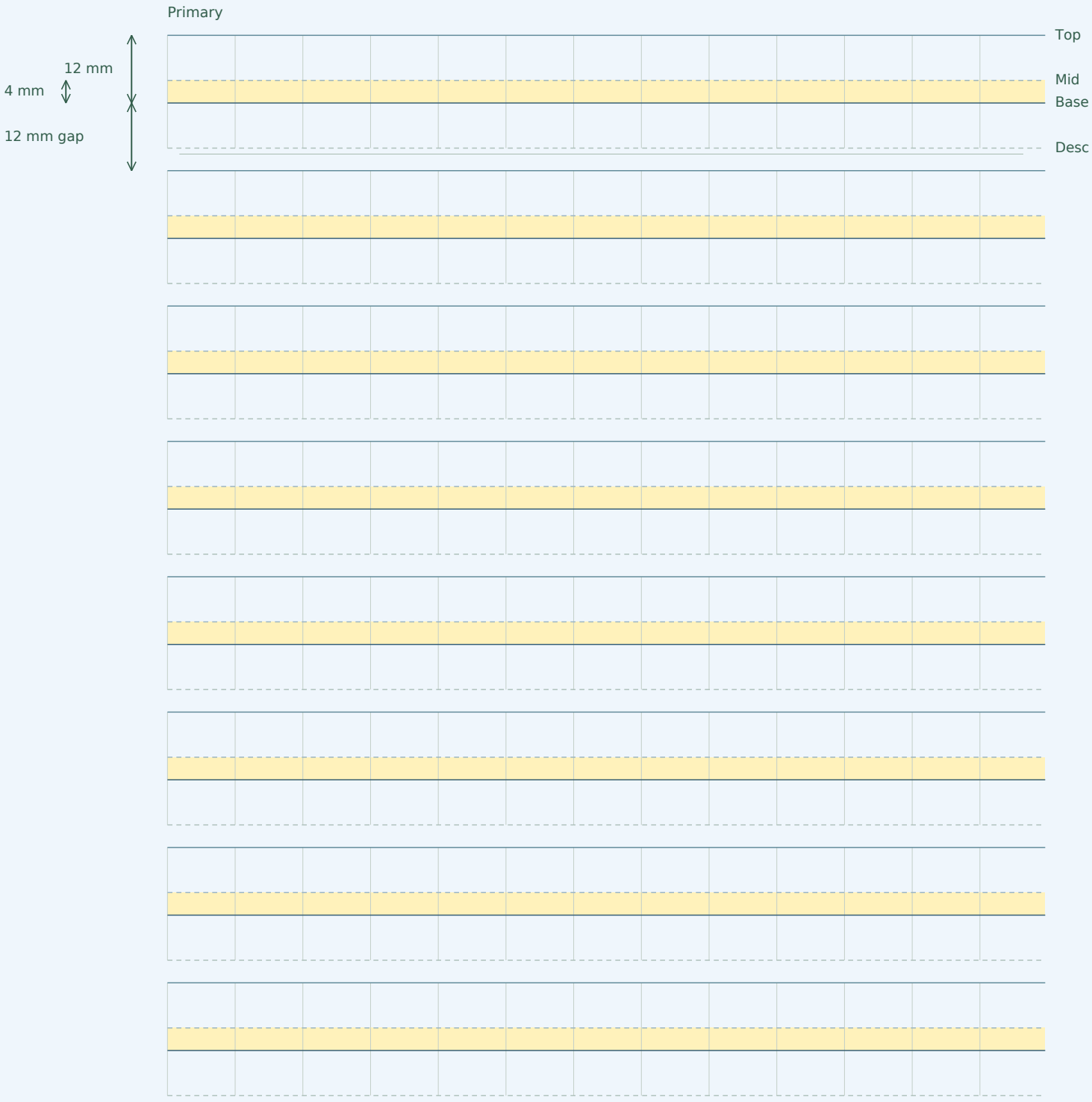
Narrow Ruling Sample



Narrow sample: 6 mm baseline-to-baseline, no midline. Use note: compact writing. Label is not standardized; measure the actual sheet.

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Primary Ruling Sample



Primary sample: top line, dashed midline, baseline. Use note: guided letter formation. Confirm full guide structure before labeling primary.

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Page One Use Notes and Measurement Reminder

Use notes describe typical tasks without implying fixed specifications. Labels vary by brand and region; measure the actual sheet. Primary ruling requires confirming top-line, midline, and baseline structure.

Wide ruling is often chosen for early handwriting and large-letter practice; college for general notes; narrow for compact writing; primary for guided letter formation. These are starting points, not rules.

Measure baseline-to-baseline spacing in millimetres, from the centre of one solid line to the centre of the next. Record whether a dashed midline sits between baselines and note its approximate position. If a top line is present, record its distance from the baseline.

Labels such as college, medium, wide, and narrow are not standardized. Treat any number as a property of the measured sheet, not a universal requirement.

Primary ruling is defined by its guide structure, not by spacing alone. A sheet with a midline is not automatically primary ruling.

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Quick-Select Guide — Page Two

One row per task, one recommended starting ruling, one caution that labels vary, and a reminder to measure the actual sheet.

Task	Starting ruling	Caution
Guided practice	Guide-structured sheet with top line, midline, baseline	Confirm full guide structure before calling it primary ruling.
General notes	College-labeled sheet as a starting point	College is not a standardized specification; measure actual spacing.
Compact writing	Narrow-labeled sheet as a starting point	Narrow is not standardized; measure actual spacing.
Large-letter practice	Wide-labeled sheet as a starting point	Wide is not standardized; measure actual spacing.

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Quick-Select Reminder

The guide does not present fixed specifications. A college-labeled sheet is a starting point and must be measured. Primary ruling requires confirming the top-line, midline, and baseline structure.

Labels are not standardized. Measure the actual sheet before relying on the label.

Primary ruling requires confirming the top-line, midline, and baseline structure.

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Worked Example

A sheet labeled college has baseline gaps of 7 mm, 7 mm, and 8 mm, with a dashed midline near the middle. A sheet labeled wide has gaps of 9 mm, 9 mm, and 9 mm, with no midline. Which is a better starting point for guided letter practice,?

The 9 mm sheet has more room but no midline, so it is not a guide-structured sheet. The 7–8 mm sheet has a midline, but its label does not define primary ruling. For guided letter practice, the 7–8 mm sheet is the better starting point because it has a midline, but confirm the full top-line, midline, and baseline structure before calling it primary ruling. Record the typical gap as about 7–8 mm, not a fixed specification.

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Rubric

Rubric criteria for the chart and quick-select guide.

Four ruling samples appear side by side at the same scale.

Each sample has a short use note, not only a measurement.

Measurements are supporting labels, not the chart's primary content.

Midline and top-line presence are marked for each sample.

Labels are presented as non-standardized, with a reminder to measure the actual sheet.

Primary ruling is defined by guide structure, not spacing alone.