



## The ACT<sup>®</sup> Cut Scores for Student Performance Levels

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) adopted the ACT assessment for determining college readiness and set cut scores to indicate that students are ready to take credit bearing college courses. CPE benchmarks for the ACT are being utilized for the proficiency cut in reading and mathematics. Other performance levels of novice, apprentice and distinguished, along with student performance levels in science (used for reporting only), were developed in a standard setting process involving Kentucky educators.

Student performance levels on the ACT will be included in the Proficiency indicator for high school accountability during 2017-18. The Proficiency indicator (reading and mathematics) will be used in identification of school performance. Schools will be identified as Comprehensive Support and Intervention (CSI), Targeted Support and Intervention (TSI) and Other (not CSI/TSI).

For determining CSI/TSI/Other at the high school level, the cut scores below will be used in reading and mathematics from the state-administered ACT taken by juniors during the spring 2018.

Due to federal reporting requirements, student performance levels on the ACT science assessment will be publically reported in 2017-18. ACT science scores will not be used in accountability.

<b>The ACT<sup>®</sup> Cut Scores</b>	<b>Novice</b>	<b>Apprentice</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Distinguished</b>
<b>Reading</b>	0-15	16-19	20-26	27-36
<b>Mathematics</b>	0-15	16-18	19-26	27-36
<b>Science*</b>	0-15	16-21	22-26	27-36

For determining the 5-star rating at the high school level for fall 2019, reading and mathematics scores from a college admissions exam will be utilized.