

**Kentucky Department of Education
College and Career Readiness Measures
2013-14**

The state of Kentucky is focused on making college and career readiness a reality for every Kentucky student. With this focus, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) was enacted in 2009. To identify students as college and career ready, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) has identified indicators of readiness at high school that include student's meeting: (1) the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's System-wide Benchmarks on the ACT in Reading, English and Mathematics; or (2) the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's College Placement Test Benchmarks; or (3) career measures in an academic area and a technical area. At middle school, readiness is measured by ACT Explore scores.

The College and Career Readiness Rate (CCRR) will include: a readiness percentage for each high school to be calculated by dividing the number of high school graduates that have successfully met one indicator of readiness by the total number of graduates. The KBE voted to give an additional credit of half-point (0.5) per graduate who meets both the College-Ready Academic (ACT or COMPASS or KYOTE) benchmarks AND the Career-Ready Technical (KOSSA or Industry Certificates) benchmarks.

The bases of the CCRR are ACT scores from the state and national ACT administrations in the state of Kentucky. KDE will collect the national test data each summer to include in the calculation. KDE will include ACT national assessments from 2008 through June of each reporting year. Accountability reporting is based on graduates or completers with graduation codes (G-codes) in Infinite Campus, including early graduates, enrolled a full academic year (100 days).

College Readiness

To be considered College Ready, students must meet the benchmarks in English, Mathematics and Reading.

ACT

English—18
Mathematics—19
Reading--20

COMPASS

English (Writing Skills)—74
Mathematics—36
Reading—85

KYOTE

Reading—20
English (Writing)—6
College Readiness Mathematics—22
College Algebra—14

Career Readiness

To be considered Career Ready, students must meet benchmarks for one requirement in the Career-Ready Academic area AND meet one requirement in the Career-Ready Technical area.

Career-Ready Academic Components

WorkKeys—Silver Certificate (4 or above on Applied Mathematics, Locating Information and Reading for Information)

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)—50
Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT)

Career-Ready Technical Components

KOSSA—Overall score of 70% on assessment.

Industry Certificates—Certification based on industry standards.

Readiness at Middle School

Student performance on the ACT Explore at grade 8 is the Readiness measure for middle schools. Readiness is 16% of the Overall Score for middle schools in Next-Generation Learners. The total points reported for middle school readiness is an average of the percentage of students meeting the benchmarks for English, Mathematics and Reading. Benchmarks, set by ACT, Inc., are English (13), Mathematics (17) and Reading (15).

Alternate Assessment Students

Students that participate in the Kentucky Alternate Assessment (Alternate K-PREP) are included in College and Career Readiness reporting. Student performance on the Transition Attainment Record (TAR) at grades 8 and 11 are used as a measure for Alternate Assessment students. The benchmarks required for the TAR are provided below:

Transition Attainment Record (grade 8)

**English/Reading-17

Mathematics-15

Transition Attainment Record (grade 11)

**English/Reading-19

Mathematics-16

** Transition Attainment Record: Reading score represents both English and reading content areas.