General FAQs

What are the Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) dates? Five days of testing will be scheduled during the last 14 instructional days of the school year.

What is the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs) 2.0 test, and when is it? The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 test is an English language proficiency test. It is given in January through mid-February for English learner students in every grade.

What are End-of-Course (EOC) exams? Similar to a final exam, these are tests given to students at the end of a course to assess their knowledge of the key concepts taught in the course. They are state assessments scored by an outside testing company (ACT QualityCore). The tests are aligned with state and national college-readiness standards. Currently, EOC exams are required for four courses: English II, Algebra II, Biology, and U.S. History. These courses were selected because they are part of the state graduation requirements for all students.

How does the EOC exam score affect the student’s course grade? The EOC exam score accounts for 20 percent of the student’s grade for the most recent term completed.

When will students take the EOC exams? There are several test windows throughout the year. The different test windows were set to test students at the various times they may be finishing a course throughout the school year.

What is the ACT (eleventh grade) test? The ACT is a college admissions test. This test includes multiple-choice questions in the areas of English, mathematics, reading, and science.

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Questions about Kentucky’s assessment system may be addressed to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Division of Assessment Support by email at dacinfo@education.ky.gov or by phone at (502) 564-4394.

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When do students take the ACT test?
The ACT is given in March to eleventh-grade students. Results are provided approximately four to six weeks after the test.

What are the main components of the Kentucky assessment system?
**K-PREP:** The K-PREP assessments are based on Common Core Standards, which reflect the national standards in reading, writing, and math. Science and social studies are also assessed.

**Measures of College and Career Readiness for Middle and High School Students:** KDE continues to use the ACT for the eleventh-grade readiness measure.

**End-of-Course Exams:** High school students will take exams in the areas of Algebra II, English II, Biology, and U.S. History.

What feedback will students receive on the K-PREP?
Students will receive an individual report that includes three scores: a scale score, a national percentile score, and an indicator of student performance level identified as Novice, Apprentice, Proficient, or Distinguished. The K-PREP results will be mailed in the fall.

What can I do to help my child prepare for the tests?
Throughout the school year, monitor your child’s progress, keep up with test dates, and ensure that your child attends school every day. The week of testing, encourage your child to do his or her best, do not schedule appointments or trips during testing, and ensure that your child is well rested and eats a healthy breakfast. Review test results with your child. Praise success, and talk about what can be done for areas needing improvement.

What are some tips for student success in school?
Let your child know that you think education is important, set a daily study time, and discuss homework together. Look for ways to make learning a part of everyday activities. Keep track of your child’s progress throughout the year, and discuss any areas of concern with your child’s teacher.

What are the College-Readiness Assessments?
The College-Readiness Assessments include the following:

**ACT**—This is a mandatory assessment for all eleventh graders.

**ACT COMPASS**—ACT discontinued this product, and it is no longer available.

**Kentucky Online Testing (KYOTE)**—This assessment is used to evaluate college readiness in reading, writing, and math. It may be used to assess students not meeting the ACT college-readiness benchmarks in these areas.

What are the Career-Readiness Assessments?
The Career-Readiness Assessments include the following:

**ASVAB**—This multiple-choice test is used to determine qualification for enlistment in the U.S. armed forces. It is an optional assessment and is used as a career-readiness indicator (Academic) in grades nine through twelve.

**Industry Certifications**—Students in grades nine through twelve completing two courses in a career pathway and enrolled in a third course (Preparatory) may qualify to test for an industry certification. This optional assessment is used as a career-readiness indicator (Technical).

**KOSSA**—KOSSA assesses grade-eleven and grade-twelve Preparatory students’ employability and occupational-specific skills. This optional assessment is used as a career-readiness indicator (Technical).

How is school readiness measured?
The BRIGANCE Kindergarten Screener is a screening tool used statewide upon kindergarten entry. It assesses whether a child is ready to hit the ground running at the start of his or her education career. The screener provides teachers with an individual snapshot of each student’s current development and abilities.

Do kindergarten, first-, and second-grade students take any tests?
Kindergarten through grade-two students do not take K-PREP assessments. They are given intermittent diagnostic tests to determine status for instructional and intervention purposes throughout the school year.

### 2016-17 High School College- and Career-Readiness Assessments

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**WorkKeys**—This job skills assessment measures real-world skills for Preparatory students in Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. This optional assessment is used as a career-readiness indicator (Academic) in grade twelve.