

Kentucky
Profile of State College Entrance Exam Policies

<i>College entrance exam policy</i>	Kentucky requires all students to take the ACT prior to graduation from high school.
Purpose	During the Spring of 2006, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill (SB) 130, requiring all 11 th grade students to take the ACT college admissions and placement examination as part of the statewide high-stakes accountability assessment to determine student readiness for postsecondary education or the workplace.
Major changes in college entrance exam policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	No changes have been made in Kentucky for ACT testing.
Major changes in college entrance exam policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	Kentucky added a supplemental set of assessments for college placement. If students do not meet the required college benchmarks on the ACT, they may take the ACT COMPASS test or the Kentucky Online Testing (KYOTE). All public colleges in Kentucky have agreed to use the COMPASS or KYOTE scores for placement.
Year college entrance exam first administered as a state requirement	2007-08
Grade college entrance exam first administered	11 th grade
Preparation state offers to students taking college entrance exams	Local districts can choose to offer preparation activities. Kentucky does not offer preparation activities from the state level.
Does the state require students to participate in preparation for college entrance exams?	Local districts decide on participation rules for preparation.
State financial support provided for students to take the college entrance exam	Yes. The state pays for the 11 th grade ACT test.

State financial support provided for students to retake either exam after the first administration	No. Retakes of the ACT are paid by the student or the local district.
Is the college entrance exam administered during school day?	Yes. The 11 th grade ACT is administered during the school day. (March)
Impact of adoption of the common core state standards on state college entrance exam policies	In high school, Kentucky is adopting an end-of-course testing model. State regulation requires alignment of the end-of-course tests to the common core standards and college readiness standards. ACT Quality Core End-of-Course assessments will be used in Kentucky.