

**Alabama**  
**Profile of State College and Career Readiness Assessments (CCR) Policy**

<b><i>CCR assessment policy</i></b>	Beginning in the 2010-11 school year, all 8 <sup>th</sup> graders took ACT's EXPLORE assessment. Beginning in 2012-13, this same group will be the first to take ACT's PLAN assessment; in 2013-14, these students will take ACT; and in the 2014-15 school year, these students will take WorkKeys.
Purpose	The purpose of adopting EXPLORE, PLAN, ACT, and WorkKeys is to ensure that every student who leaves high school is college and career ready.
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	Due to proration, the state decided to begin ACT testing with the same cohort.
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	None
Grade CCR assessment first administered	EXPLORE- 8 <sup>th</sup> grade PLAN- 10 <sup>th</sup> grade ACT – 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade WorkKeys- 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
State financial support for students to take the CCR assessment	Alabama pays for all students to take the EXPLORE, PLAN, ACT, and WorkKeys assessments.
Is the CCR assessment administered during the regular school day?	Yes
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for undergraduate admission purposes?	EXPLORE and PLAN are not used for admission purposes. ACT will be used for admission.
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for placement purposes?	No

Granted exemptions on college placement exams for students who meet a certain standard on the CCR assessment	No
Is postsecondary institution course credit awarded for performance on the CCR assessment in any way?	That will be a decision made by postsecondary institutions.
Is the CCR assessment used in any way by potential employers?	WorkKeys may be used.
Impact of adoption of the common standards on state CCR assessment policies	No response