

Alabama
Profile of State College Entrance Exam Policies

<i>College entrance exam policy</i>	Beginning with 11 th graders in 2013-14, all 11 th grade students will be assessed with ACT. Due to proration, the state made the decision to begin ACT testing with the cohort (8 th grade class of 2010-11) that first took EXPLORE.
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 college entrance exam policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	Beginning with the 11 th graders in 2013-14, all 11 th grade students will be assessed with ACT. Due to proration, the state made the decision to begin ACT testing with the cohort (8 th grade class of 2010-11) that first took EXPLORE.
Major changes in college entrance exam policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	See previous.
Year college entrance exam first administered as a state requirement	2013-14
Grade college entrance exam first administered	11 th
Preparation state offers to students taking college entrance exams	Alabama prepares its students for the ACT by ensuring that course standards are in line with college and career readiness standards. Alabama's standards are called Alabama College and Career Ready Standards
Does the state require students to participate in preparation for college entrance exam?	Students must take required core courses aligned to the college and career ready standards.
State financial support provided for students to take the college entrance exam	Alabama pays for all students to take the ACT.
State financial support provided for students	None

to retake either exam after the first administration	
Is the college entrance exam administered during the school day?	Yes
Impact of adoption of the common core state standards on state college entrance exam policies	No response