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# 50-State Comparison: 12th Grade Transitions

Education Commission of the States has researched how states use college-readiness assessments to make the most of the 12th-grade year in all states to provide this

comprehensive resource. Click on the questions below for 50-state comparisons showing how all states approach specific 12th-grade transitions policies. Or, choose to view a specific state's approach by going to the [individual state profiles](#) page.

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## Key Takeaways

- Although many states administer college and career readiness assessments, few states have identified college readiness cut scores on those assessments to add value to the 12th-grade year.
- Eleven states have set college readiness cut scores on statewide, mandatory college and career readiness assessments used to identify students in need of remediation or acceleration opportunities during the 12th-grade year.
- Several states are in the process of developing cut scores or are piloting intervention and remediation programs.

## 50-State Comparisons

## ***Determinations***

1. **Statewide mandatory assessments with state-adopted “college ready” cut scores**

## ***Intervention***

2. **Intervention must be offered a student not demonstrating college readiness**
3. **Identified students must participate in college readiness interventions**
4. **Student retested at end of grade-12 college readiness intervention**
5. **Students may take developmental/remedial coursework through dual enrollment programs**

## ***Acceleration***

6. **Acceleration opportunities must be offered a student demonstrating college readiness**

## ***State College-Readiness Definitions and Postsecondary Admissions/Placement***

7. **College readiness benchmark reflected in state college-readiness definition**
8. **College readiness benchmark used in admissions decisions to four-year institutions**
9. **College readiness benchmark guarantees placement into credit-bearing coursework**
  
10. **All data points for all states.**

## **Related Resources**

- **Dual / Concurrent Enrollment Policies**
  - **State Legislation on College Readiness**
  - **Using assessments to inform 12th-grade interventions and accelerations**
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