

STATEWIDE TESTING PROGRAM FEATURES

- Allows for use of state IDs
- Weekday administration
- **Quick turnaround**—Results and follow-up materials shipped in 3 weeks
- Aggregate reporting
- College Readiness System—part of a longitudinal growth model for grades 8—12

POWERFUL PREDICTOR

Empirically derived College Readiness Benchmarks developed to monitor whether students are on track for college readiness

LINKAGE REPORTS

Enhances the value of the **assessment**, when used with PLAN[®] and ACT[®], by providing the 1st data point for analysis of changes when students move from grade 8 or 9 to grade 10 and from grade 10 to grade 11 or 12



MORE INFORMATION

Additional benefits of statewide administration can be found at: www.act.org/stateservices

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College Readiness Program for 8th and 9th Graders



Benefits for Students

- Curriculum-based assessment that measures the knowledge and skills **critical to college success**
- Helps **increase** student achievement, whether students are college-bound **or** headed for the world of work
- Increases a student's probability of **planning to go to college** by 39%
- Includes a **Career Planning** component that helps students identify career areas that align with their interests and engages students in imagining their future
- Provides **diagnostic** student-level item analysis

Additional Benefits

- **Increased opportunities** for minority, middle and low income, and male students
- Measures students' progress toward **college readiness** and **state standards**
- Students who are ready for college are **less likely to need remediation**
- Promotes educational **and** career planning
- Correlates with **increases** in college enrollment, persistence, and success
- **Economic Impact** – Students with a bachelor's degree earn almost \$1,000,000 more over their lifetime than students with a high school diploma, resulting in a higher taxable income, which results in lower expenditures on welfare and other assistance programs¹

¹ United States Department of Labor—2004

State Standards Match Reports

State standards match reports provide user-friendly information about how ACT's tests align with your state's standards.

Find your state standards match report at: <http://www.act.org/education/statematch/>

Statewide Use of EXPLORE

