

Designing High School Course Plans Aligned to College and Career Readiness for 8th and 9th graders

EXPLORE[®]

for your state

Benefits for Students

- Curriculum-based assessment that measures the knowledge and skills critical to college and career readiness
- Helps increase student achievement for college or career
- Increases a student's likelihood of going to college
- Includes a career exploration component that helps students identify career areas that align with their interests and engages students in planning for their future
- Provides diagnostic student-level item analysis

Additional Benefits

- Increased opportunities for minority, middle, and low income students
- Measures students' progress toward college readiness and state standards
- Students who are college ready 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 programs.¹

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/>

Additional benefits of statewide administration can be found at:

www.act.org/stateservices/

Statewide Testing Program Features

- Allows for use of state IDs
- Flexible test window
- **Quick turnaround**—Results and follow-up materials shipped in 3 weeks
- Aggregate reporting
- College and Career 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.

Statewide use of EXPLORE[®]

The red states have adopted statewide use of EXPLORE.

