

STUDENT READINESS REVEALED:

ACT® + ACT® WorkKeys®

65%

OF THE STUDENTS IN THE RESEARCH SAMPLE EARNED SILVER OR HIGHER ACT® WorkKeys® NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC®)

indicating they have the foundational skills needed for many careers.

ACT WorkKeys, the Missing Half of Readiness




ONE IN THREE STUDENTS
is career ready but not college ready, revealing untapped potential.

COMPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENTS STRENGTHEN READINESS REPORTING:

ACT and WorkKeys scores are correlated but measure distinct constructs. Each provides unique information about readiness for postsecondary education and careers.

- Recognized by employers.
- Build confidence for job readiness.
- Match skills to in-demand careers.
- Navigate career paths with clear direction.
- Earn college credit for proven skills.

THE VALUE OF THE ACT WORKKEYS NCRC

THE TAKEAWAY

College readiness tells only half the story. WorkKeys fills in the rest.



INFORMED ACCOUNTABILITY

Improves accuracy of college and career readiness reporting for state and federal accountability.



EQUITY

Recognizes strength of non-college-bound students with a meaningful workforce credential.



CONNECTION TO THE WORKPLACE

Links assessment outcomes to tangible employment and training opportunities.



RELEVANCE

Students planning on careers in the trades and applied fields performed relatively better on WorkKeys than the ACT.