

## Alaska's College and Career Readiness Assessment (CCRA)

The Alaska Education Opportunity Act requires Alaska public school students in grade 11 to take their choice of a college- or career-readiness assessment (CCRA) to be eligible for a high school diploma. The approved career-readiness assessment is WorkKeys; the approved college-readiness assessment being offered at ASD is ACT. The assessments are available as needed for grade 12 students.

The Anchorage School District will be offering both of these assessments at all high schools. Schools will be administering these tests to students as outlined here for the 2015-2016 school year. *Students choose one assessment from the following options:*

- **ACT:** March 1 with make-up testing on March 29
- **WorkKeys Paper:** March 2 with make-up testing on March 30
- **WorkKeys Internet Window:** November 9-April 1

The following links provide students and parents further information about the college and career readiness assessments..



Student resource page: <http://www.act.org/workforce/careerseekers.html>

Parent resource page: <http://www.act.org/path/parent/tests/workkeys.html>



Student resource page: <http://www.actstudent.org/college>

Parent resource page: <http://www.act.org/path/parent>

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*Please turn in the completed bottom portion to the Counseling Office by **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.*

Please select ONE assessment to meet your College and Career Readiness Assessment (CCRA) requirement:

- ACT
- WorkKeys

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Print Student Name

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Student ASD ID#

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Parent Signature

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Date

# College and Career Readiness Assessment (CCRA) Flyer

## What is the College and Career Readiness Assessment requirement?

- HB278-Alaska's Education Opportunity Act requires students to take either a career-readiness or college-readiness assessment as a component of earning a diploma in the state of Alaska. Unlike the HSGQE, students are not required to earn a specified score. Instead, students are only required to take a CCRA.
- The State of Alaska regulation requires that juniors test and the tests be available to seniors as needed.
- *The repeal of the CCRA regulation, effective June 30, 2016, has the following implications for the 2015-2016 school year:*
  - The 2015-2016 school year will be the last year of administering the CCRA. All juniors (and seniors who have not previously done so), will be taking a CCRA this year per the current regulation language.
  - The Class of 2015 and the Class of 2016 are the only classes requiring a CCRA score as a component to earning a diploma.

## What will CCRA testing look like for ASD students?

- The Anchorage School District will be offering ACT (College-Ready) and WorkKeys (Career-Ready) at all high schools. Since CCRA testing must occur during the school day on designated dates chosen by the State of Alaska, schools will be administering these tests to students as outlined here for the 2015-2016 school year:
  - **ACT:** March 1 with make-up testing on March 29
  - **WorkKeys Paper:** March 2 with make-up testing on March 30
  - **WorkKeys Internet Window:** November 9-April 1

## How do students decide which test to take?

- School staff will work with students and families to provide information and guidance surrounding each test to assist students in making the choice that best fits them.

## How do students sign-up and register for testing?

- In September and early October, students will sign up for their choice of test directly with their school.
- In early winter, students will register for their test directly through the vendor with school support. This will allow students taking ACT the opportunity to choose the post-secondary institutions they wish to send their scores to and will also ensure a score report is sent to the district and to the students themselves.

## What if a student has a conflict with the dates the ACT test is offered?

- The State of Alaska has provided a voucher system accessible only to students who have a conflict on both the main and make-up ACT dates and who **will NOT be in school for ACT administration days** as described above.
- The vouchers apply to one Saturday testing date for ACT as outlined here:
  - **ACT:** Saturday, February 6, 2016
- Schools will assist students with sign-up and registration for the voucher day using the same process for in-school testing.

## Where can students and families find out more?

- Please contact your child's school counselor for more information on the CCRA requirement, including assistance with making a test choice.
- For site-specific testing information, please contact your child's school.
- The district will provide more information as it becomes available. Stay up-to-date at <http://www.asdk12.org/ae/assessments/>.