



Suite of assessments that are available for Arkansas high school students

In Arkansas, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) provides opportunities for every student to pursue post-secondary success—whether through enrollment, employment, or enlistment. DESE recognizes a variety of assessments as important components of the student success planning process.

Every student in Arkansas public schools and open-enrollment charter schools has the opportunity to participate in assessments that support their individual goals. Selecting the most appropriate assessment(s) should be an intentional part of student success planning.

Act 724 of 2025 expands the types of college and career readiness (CCR) assessments that public schools and open-enrollment charters must offer. The chart on the following page outlines which assessments are provided by DESE at each grade level. If a student chooses to take advantage of this opportunity, they may choose from the suite of assessments that best aligns with their needs and plans. Students are not required to select from the offerings.

Below is a list of DESE provided assessments to ensure students are ready for life beyond high school:

- ATLAS content assessments
- CCR assessments (*one per 9-10 grade band and one in grade 11*)
- Accelerated learning assessments for completed courses
- The Arkansas Civics exam (*multiple administrations allowed*)
- WorkKeys

Schools may offer additional opportunities from the following list; however, extra administrations beyond the state-funded ones are the responsibility of the district or student. For more information, please reach out to your student's guidance counselor.

Assessment	Description	Purpose	Grade available
ATLAS Content	ATLAS End of Course (EOC) for English I, English II, Biology, Algebra and Geometry	<p>All students take the ATLAS general content assessments. They provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student growth and achievement at the aggregate level towards course expectations ● Data for classroom, school, and district system check ● Early indication for college and career readiness 	English I, English II, Biology, Algebra, and Geometry-upon completion of corresponding course
ACT, SAT and CLT	College and Career Readiness (CCR) Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CCR Assessments are standardized tests designed to measure students' preparedness for postsecondary education and the workforce. ● These assessments evaluate essential skills in core subjects such as math, reading, writing, and science, while also assessing critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre ACT 8/9 ○ PSAT 8/9 ○ CLT 10 ● Grade 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre ACT ○ PSAT 10 ○ PSAT/NMSQ ○ CLT 10 ● Grade 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACT ○ SAT ○ CLT
AP, IB, and Cambridge	Accelerated Learning Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accelerated Learning assessments measure the learning that happens through an accelerated learning opportunity as defined in ACCESS and A.C.A. § 6-5-120, including without limitation the following coursework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ College Board Advanced Placement ○ International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme ○ Cambridge Advanced 	Upon completion of corresponding course or courses or program based based on the requirements of the accrediting organization.
CTE and Other Credentials	ACT WorkKeys and other approved H2 approved credentials	The WorkKeys assessment measures foundational skills required for success in the workplace. Additional H2 approved credentials allow students to demonstrate mastery of skills in an H2 pathway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WorkKeys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grades 10-12. ○ May be taken in sections or all at once. ○ One opportunity per section. ● Other Industry Credentials-Upon completion of H2 pathway requirements
	Arkansas Civics Exam	Passing the Arkansas Civics exam is a requirement for high school graduation in Arkansas. This exam mirrors the national citizenship test. Retakes are permissible at no cost to the student or district.	Civics-prior to graduation
	The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude test that measures developed abilities and predicts future academic and occupational success in the military. Retakes are permissible at no cost to the student or district.	Grades 11 & 12