CPE Benchmark scores for students to be deemed College Ready

ENGLISH 18

MATH 19

READING 20

By scoring an 18 in English, a 19 in Math, and a 20 in reading students will be considered to be capable of being successful in a college credit bearing class once they attend college.

Students that do not meet KY/CPE benchmarks may be admitted into a college but will need to take remedial classes that do not count towards their degree completion.

Students will have the opportunity to take the ACT/Compass test after remediation to gain a placement score for colleges.

College Readiness Benchmark Scores-EPAS system

*These scores indicate that a student is on the correct trajectory to be considered College Ready*

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|  | *English* | *Math* | *Reading* | *Science* |
| *EXPLORE* | 13 | 17 | 15 | 20 |
| *PLAN* | 15 | 19 | 17 | 21 |
| *ACT* | 18 | 22 | 21 | 24 |
| *KY CPE benchmark* | 18 | 19 | 20 | none |

Questions? Please contact your school’s counselor for additional information.

Resources:

<http://www.actstudent.org/index.html>

<http://www.actstudent.org/explore/>

<http://www.actstudent.org/plan/>

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*The Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) and College Readiness*



College Readiness starts before a student walks into a school building. Parents can emphasize and set the expectation that students are expected to do well in school and attend a post- secondary institute as they begin the basics of their child’s education.

Once a child enters a school building, College Readiness begins in earnest. Reading, writing and math are the building blocks behind a child’s success. MAP testing is one way to keep track of your child’s progress in reading and math throughout elementary and middle school.

Formal college readiness testing begins in the fall of the 8th grade with the **EXPLORE** test.

The **EXPLORE** test is a national test given in the state of Kentucky at grade 8. These test results serve as an indicator of high school readiness and is a predictor of success on the **PLAN** test and later the **ACT** test. There are four sections to the **EXPLORE** test. There are English, Math, Reading, and Science sections on the test. Each test is 30 minutes long.

Results of the **EXPLORE** test let you compare your child’s scores with their peers across the nation. The results also contain information about your child’s educational and career plans, interests, high school course work plans, and the amount of help your child they may feel they need in several areas.

The **PLAN** test is given in the fall of the 10th grade year. Like the **EXPLORE** test the PLAN has four sub tests in the subjects of English, Math, Reading, and Science. The **PLAN** serves as a midpoint measure of academic progress in ACT’s College and Career Readiness System. The **PLAN** results can be used to look at your child’s academic progress and also provides information on career and training options that match your child’s interests and academic skills.

The **ACT** test is universally given to all students in the spring of their junior year in Kentucky. Many students take the **ACT** again in their senior year to raise their scores and increase their scholarship and college admission opportunities. The test format is the same as the **EXPLORE** and the **PLAN.** Students need to reach benchmark scores inEnglish, Math, and Reading to be considered College Ready and admitted into credit bearing college courses (see the back of the brochure).

Juniors that do not meet the KY-Council for Post-secondary Education (CPE) benchmarks must receive remediation in the subject(s) they did not meet benchmarks in and then take the ACT/Compass test during their senior year.

It is the goal of our district and the state of Kentucky to ensure that all students are prepared to handle the academic rigors of post-secondary training. These assessments help us follow the students’ trajectory towards College Readiness and provide interventions as needed to ensure all students will have a chance at the future they deserve.

Information concerning the **EXPLORE**, **PLAN**, and **ACT** tests has been provided by the EPAS system’s website.