

Florida
Profile of State College and Career Readiness Assessments (CCR) Policy

CCR assessment policy	Florida is transitioning from the College Placement Test (CPT) to the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT). Legislation passed in 2011 mandated placement testing for students who score within specified levels of the FCAT [Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test] in reading and mathematics. The assessment is administered in the 11 th grade to students scoring below the cut score on the FCAT that signifies students are college-ready. These students are required to complete postsecondary preparatory instruction while in high school. The PERT is also optional for any student wishing to earn exemption from postsecondary education placement tests.
Purpose	<p>PERT is intended to accurately place students into courses, from developmental education courses through entry-level college courses for credit. Due to the customization and alignment with Florida’s Postsecondary Readiness Competencies, the assessment is better equipped than the College Placement test to appropriately place students in these courses.</p> <p>The objective of administering the PERT is to improve the college and career readiness of high school students and to reduce the percentage of these students needing postsecondary remediation in reading, writing, and mathematics after high school graduation.</p>
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	Florida has entered into a preferred pricing contract with McCann Associates, the testing vendor, who has developed a fully customized assessment. The CPT, SAT, and ACT will remain as alternate assessments for placement purposes. Colleges will continue to administer Accuplacer tests for students needing to meet ability-to-benefit for federal financial aid purposes. High school students seeking Bright Futures Gold Seal eligibility may also take Accuplacer tests.
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	2011 legislation mandated college and career readiness assessment of high school students that score within specified ranges on the FCAT. This is now a requirement rather than voluntary for these students. For those students who score below certain cut scores on the FCAT, postsecondary preparatory instruction is also required during high school.
Grade CCR assessment first administered	11 TH grade

State financial support for students to take the CCR assessment	Yes
Is the CCR assessment administered during the regular school day?	Yes
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for undergraduate admission purposes?	No. The Florida College System has open admissions and the state universities generally use the SAT and ACT for admission purposes.
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for placement purposes?	Yes, the Florida College System uses PERT for course placement purposes. Students meeting statewide cut scores are placed into entry-level college credit courses after high school. Students below the cut scores are placed into developmental education.
Granted exemptions on college placement exams for students who meet a certain standard on the CCR assessment	High school students who perform at or above a specified score on the PERT are guaranteed entry to the Florida College system and into college-level coursework without need for remediation within two years of the test.
Is postsecondary institution course credit awarded for performance on the CCR assessment in any way?	No
Is the CCR assessment used in any way by potential employers?	No
Impact of adoption of the common standards	The impact of the adoption of CCSS (Common Core State Standards) on high school

on state CCR assessment policies	assessments has yet to be determined. There is a possibility that the CCSS assessment may serve as a substitute for one or more high school assessments, but additional longitudinal studies may be needed before this is possible.
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