

**South Carolina**  
**Profile of State College and Career Readiness Assessments (CCR) Policy**

<b>CCR assessment policy</b>	South Carolina offers the PSAT or ACT’s PLAN assessment to all tenth grade students as well as ACT’s EXPLORE to all eighth grade students. However, the exams are not required for all students.
Purpose	<p>According to the South Carolina Code of laws §59-18-340, “High schools shall offer state-funded PSAT or PLAN tests to each tenth grade student in order to assess and identify curricular areas that need to be strengthened and reinforced. Schools and districts shall use these assessments as diagnostic tools to provide academic assistance to students whose scores reflect the need for such assistance. Schools and districts shall use these assessments to provide guidance and direction for parents and students as they plan for postsecondary experiences.”</p> <p>According to Proviso 1.27 in the 2011 General Appropriations Bill, “(SDE: PSAT/PLAN Reimbursement) Funds appropriated for assessment shall be used to pay for the administration of the PSAT, or PLAN, or WorkKeys test to tenth grade students to include the testing fee and report fee. The selection of the test for each student should be informed by the student’s individual graduation plan (IGP) cluster selection, guidance counselor advisement and parent/legal guardian consent. SDE is authorized to carry forward into the current fiscal year, prior year state assessment funds for the purpose of paying for state assessment activities not completed by the end of the fiscal year including the scoring of the spring statewide accountability assessment.”</p> <p>The South Carolina Department of Education also offers to all eighth graders the opportunity to take the EXPLORE test.</p>
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	No
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	For 2011, due to a change the 2011 General Appropriations Bill districts could use funds for WorkKeys.

Grade CCR assessment first administered	EXPLORE - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade PSAT, PLAN, or WorkKeys - 10 <sup>th</sup> grade
State financial support for students to take the CCR assessment	According to Proviso 1.27 in the 2010-11 Appropriations Bill, “(SDE: PSAT/PLAN Reimbursement) Funds appropriated for assessment shall be used to pay for the administration of the PSAT, or PLAN, or WorkKeys test to tenth grade students to include the testing fee and report fee. The selection of the test for each student should be informed by the student's individual graduation plan (IGP) cluster selection, guidance counselor advisement and parent/legal guardian consent. SDE is authorized to carry forward into the current fiscal year, prior year state assessment funds for the purpose of paying for state assessment activities not completed by the end of the fiscal year including the scoring of the spring statewide accountability assessment.”
Is the CCR assessment administered during the regular school day?	Yes
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for undergraduate admission purposes?	No
Is the CCR assessment used by postsecondary institutions for placement purposes?	No
Granted exemptions on college placement exams for students who meet a certain standard on the CCR assessment	No

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?	WorkKeys is used by some employers in this state, however, it is not known how employers use the data
Impact of adoption of the common standards on state CCR assessment policies	None at this time