

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

CCR assessment policy	West Virginia requires students to take ACT’s EXPLORE and PLAN assessments. EXPLORE and PLAN are required by state policy (Policy 2340 – WV Measures of Academic Progress, http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/p2340.doc)
Purpose	<p>EXPLORE- The purpose of this assessment is to provide career awareness and exploration activities; additionally, it is used by 8th graders to develop their individualized plans for the 9th and 10th grades. Assessment results assist students/parents/educators in decision making about educational career plans, interests, and high school course work plans.</p> <p>PLAN- The purpose of this assessment is to provide career awareness and exploration activities; additionally, it is used by 10th graders to revise their individualized plans for the 11th and 12th grades. These assessment results assist students/parents/educators in decision making about educational career plans, interests, and high school course work plans.</p>
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for financial reasons	Not at this time
Major changes in CCR assessment policy since the 2009-10 school year for any <i>other</i> reasons	Not at this time
Grade CCR assessment first administered	EXPLORE- 8 th grade PLAN- 10 th grade
State financial support for students to take the CCR assessment	Yes. The state pays for students to take both assessments.
Is the CCR assessment administered during the regular school day?	It is up to the individual district, but typically, 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. Based on the Higher Education Policy Commission Series 21 guidelines, only specific placement exams are honored by colleges and universities.
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?	No
Impact of adoption of the common standards on state CCR assessment policies	At this point, it is not expected that the adoption of CCSS will have any impact, given that the full implementation date is not until the 2014-15 school year.