

**Alabama College- and Career-Ready Assessment System
Timeline for Implementation**

School Year	Grades K-2	Grades 3-8	Grades 8-12	
			<i>ACT QualityCore End-of-Course Assessments</i>	College- and Career-Ready Assessments
2013-2014	Formative/Interim/Benchmark Assessments (LEA Determined)	<i>ACT Aspire</i> (Grades 3-8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Math required • English, Science, Writing optional <i>Alabama Science Assessment</i> (Grades 5 and 7) required	English 10 Algebra 1	<i>ACT Explore</i> (Grade 8) <i>ACT Plan</i> (Grade 10) <i>ACT Plus Writing</i> (Grade 11)
2014-2015	Formative/Interim/Benchmark Assessments (LEA Determined)	<i>ACT Aspire</i> (Grades 3-8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Math required • English, Science, Writing optional <i>Alabama Science Assessment</i> (Grades 5 and 7) required	English 10 Algebra 1 (Others to Be Determined)	<i>ACT Explore</i> (Grade 8) <i>ACT Plan</i> (Grade 10) <i>ACT Plus Writing</i> (Grade 11) <i>ACT WorkKeys</i> (Grade 12)
2015-2016	Formative/Interim/Benchmark Assessments (LEA Determined)	<i>ACT Aspire</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading (Grades 3-8) • Math (Grades 3-8) • Science (Grades 5 and 7) 	English 10 Algebra 1 (Others to Be Determined)	<i>ACT Aspire</i> (Grades 8 and 10) <i>ACT Plus Writing</i> (Grade 11) <i>ACT WorkKeys</i> (Grade 12)

Notes:

- *Alabama Alternate Assessment* (AAA) is designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities who cannot participate in a state assessment such as the *ACT Aspire*, *Alabama Science Assessment*, *ACT Plus Writing*, etc. IEP team determines participation in AAA.
- AAA in English Language Arts and Mathematics will be revised in 2014-2015. Science AAA will be revised in 2015-2016.
- *ACCESS for ELLs* is administered to English Language Learners in grades K-12. Areas assessed include reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- The *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs* is administered to English Language Learners in grades 1-12 with significant cognitive disabilities who cannot participate in the *ACCESS for ELLs*.
- *Alabama High School Graduation Exam* (AHSGE) will be administered through summer 2015 for those students who have AHSGE as a graduation requirement. The AHSGE is required for students who entered 9th grade for the first time in 2009-2010 or before.