# Alabama College- and Career-Ready Assessment System

## Timeline for Implementation

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- Reading and Math required  
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| 2015-2016   | Formative/Interim/Benchmark Assessments (LEA Determined) | ACT Aspire  
- Reading (Grades 3-8)  
- Math (Grades 3-8)  
- Science (Grades 5 and 7) | English 10  
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(Others to Be Determined) | ACT Aspire (Grades 8 and 10)  
ACT Plus Writing (Grade 11)  
ACT WorkKeys (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.