

Transitions and Alignment

GRADE	EARLY-CHILDHOOD EDUCATION					COLLEGE READINESS					ECONOMY AND WORKFORCE						
	Early-Learning Standards	School-Readiness Definition	School-Readiness Assessment	Readiness Interventions	Kindergarten Standards	Defining Readiness	College-Prep Required	Course Credits Aligned	Aligning High School Assessments	Postsecondary Decisions	Work Readiness	Career-Tech Diploma	Industry Certification	Portable Credits			
	State early-learning standards aligned with elementary-grade academic standards (2010-11)	State has formal definition of school readiness (2010-11)	State requires districts to assess readiness of entering students (2010-11)	State has programs for children not meeting school-readiness expectations (2010-11)	Kindergarten-learning expectations are aligned with elementary-secondary standards (2010-11)	State has defined college readiness (2010-11)	State requires all high school students to take a college-preparatory curriculum to earn a diploma (2010-11)	Course credits required for diploma are aligned with postsecondary system (2010-11)	State high school assessments are aligned with postsecondary system (2010-11)	Statewide high school assessment results used for admission, placement, or scholarship decisions in state postsecondary system (2010-11)	K-12 education system has definition of work readiness (2010-11)	State offers standard high school diploma with career specialization (2010-11)	K-12 system offers pathway leading to industry-recognized certificate or license (2010-11)	K-12 system offers pathway to earn credits to transfer to postsecondary education system (2010-11)			
ARKANSAS	A	96.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	ARKANSAS	
MARYLAND	A	96.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MARYLAND	
TENNESSEE	A	92.9	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2013	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	TENNESSEE	
TEXAS	A	92.9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	TEXAS	
WEST VIRGINIA	A	92.9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	WEST VIRGINIA	
GEORGIA	B+	89.3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2012	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	GEORGIA	
INDIANA	B+	89.3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INDIANA	
NEW MEXICO	B+	89.3	✓	NEW MEXICO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NEW MEXICO	
NEW YORK	B+	89.3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NEW YORK	
OKLAHOMA	B+	89.3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	OKLAHOMA	
MAINE	B	85.7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	MAINE	
MICHIGAN	B	85.7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MICHIGAN	
NORTH CAROLINA	B	85.7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NORTH CAROLINA	
ALABAMA	B-	82.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2013	Class of 2013	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	ALABAMA	
CALIFORNIA	B-	82.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	CALIFORNIA	
FLORIDA	B-	82.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	FLORIDA	
IOWA	B-	82.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	IOWA	
KENTUCKY	B-	82.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2012	Class of 2012	✓	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	KENTUCKY	
LOUISIANA	B-	82.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	LOUISIANA	
PENNSYLVANIA	B-	82.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	PENNSYLVANIA	
VIRGINIA	B-	82.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress	in progress	✓	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	VIRGINIA	
HAWAII	C+	78.6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress	in progress	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	HAWAII	
NEVADA	C+	78.6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NEVADA	
NEW JERSEY	C+	78.6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NEW JERSEY	
OHIO	C+	78.6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2014	Class of 2014	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	OHIO	
OREGON	C+	78.6	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress	Class of 2014	Class of 2014	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	OREGON	
WISCONSIN	C+	78.6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2015	Class of 2015	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	WISCONSIN	
ARIZONA	C	75.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	ARIZONA	
COLORADO	C	75.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	COLORADO	
CONNECTICUT	C	75.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2018	Class of 2018	Class of 2018	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	CONNECTICUT	
ILLINOIS	C	75.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	ILLINOIS	
MASSACHUSETTS	C	75.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MASSACHUSETTS	
MISSISSIPPI	C	75.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2012	Class of 2012	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MISSISSIPPI	
WASHINGTON	C	75.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	WASHINGTON	
WYOMING	C	75.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	WYOMING	
DELAWARE	C-	71.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DELAWARE	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	C-	71.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
MINNESOTA	C-	71.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MINNESOTA	
MISSOURI	C-	71.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MISSOURI	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	C-	71.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NEW HAMPSHIRE	
RHODE ISLAND	C-	71.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	RHODE ISLAND	
SOUTH CAROLINA	C-	71.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	SOUTH CAROLINA	
UTAH	C-	71.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	UTAH	
VERMONT	C-	71.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	VERMONT	
ALASKA	D+	67.9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	ALASKA	
KANSAS	D+	67.9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	KANSAS	
NORTH DAKOTA	D+	67.9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NORTH DAKOTA	
IDAHO	D	64.3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2013	Class of 2013	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	IDAHO	
MONTANA	D-	60.7	✓	✓	✓	in progress	in progress	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MONTANA	
SOUTH DAKOTA	D-	60.7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2014	Class of 2014	Class of 2014	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	SOUTH DAKOTA	
NEBRASKA	F	57.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Class of 2015	Class of 2015	Class of 2015	in progress	in progress	in progress	in progress	in progress	NEBRASKA	
U.S.¹	C+	78.3	48	22	19	23	51	33	10	11	15	11	33	38	42	48	U.S.

Note: States are ordered based on unrounded scores.
¹ The U.S. row reports the grade and score for the average state and the numbers of states receiving credit for policies in the respective columns.
 SOURCE: EPE Research Center, 2011