

College Readiness Indicators 2016

Beginning fall 2016, all public postsecondary institutions in Kentucky will use the following benchmarks as college readiness indicators. Upon admission¹ to a public postsecondary institution, students scoring at or above the scores indicated will not be required to complete developmental, corequisite, supplemental, or transitional coursework and will be allowed entry into college credit-bearing coursework that counts toward degree credit requirements.

Readiness Score Area	ACT Score	SAT Score ²	KYOTE ³	GED College Readiness	PARCC	Smarter Balanced	COMPASS ⁴
English (Writing)	English 18 or higher	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 430 or higher	Writing 6 or higher ⁵	Reasoning through the Language Arts 165 or higher	English Language Arts/Literacy 4 or higher	English/ Language Arts Level 4	Writing 74 or higher ^{6,7}
Reading	Reading 20 or higher	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 470 or higher	Reading 20 or higher	Reasoning through the Language Arts 165 or higher	English Language Arts/Literacy 4 or higher	English/ Language Arts Level 4	Reading 85 or higher ⁸
Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning)	Mathematics 19 or higher	Mathematics 460 or higher	College Readiness Mathematics 22 or higher	Mathematical Reasoning 165 or higher	Mathematics 4 or higher	Mathematics Level 4	Algebra Domain 36 or higher ⁹
Mathematics (College Algebra)	Mathematics 22 or higher	Mathematics 510 or higher	College Algebra 14 or higher	NA	NA	NA	Algebra Domain 50 or higher ¹⁰
Mathematics (Calculus)	Mathematics 27 or higher	Mathematics 610 or higher	Calculus 15 or higher	NA	NA	NA	NA

1. Institutional admission policies are comprised of many factors including, but not limited to high school completion or attainment of a state recognized high school equivalency diploma, such as the general education equivalency diploma (GED), high school coursework, ACT or SAT scores, high school GPA, class rank, an admission essay or interview, submission of an academic and/or civic activity portfolio, etc. Placement exam results are used for course placement after a student is admitted to a postsecondary institution.
2. SAT was revised in March 2016. The set of SAT indicators for readiness remain unchanged from previous benchmarks.
3. A placement test score, such as a KYOTE exam score, will be guaranteed as an indicator of readiness for 12 months from the date of administration.
4. ACT is phasing out the ACT COMPASS exam. ACT COMPASS scores will be used for one year from the date the exams are administered.
5. A common rubric is used to score the KYOTE Writing Essay. The rubric has an eight point scale. A score of 6 is needed to demonstrate readiness.
6. An Asset writing score of 43 or higher indicates readiness. Asset is the paper-pencil version of COMPASS.
7. COMPASS E-Write scores of 9 on a 12 point scale or 6 on an 8 point scale indicate readiness.
8. An Asset reading score of 44 or higher indicates readiness. Asset is the paper-pencil version of COMPASS.
9. An Asset Elementary Algebra Score of 41 or an Intermediate Algebra score of 39 indicates readiness for a quantitative reasoning course.
10. An Asset elementary algebra score of 46 or an intermediate algebra score of 43 indicates readiness for college algebra.