



Essential Skill Graduation Requirements

In August 2009, the State Board of Education finalized the graduation requirements for students to demonstrate proficiency in the “Essential Skills”. Along with earning 24 credits in the required subject areas and meeting the personalized learning requirements, students will have to show they are proficient in designated content areas in order to complete graduation requirements. Graduates will need to demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing and math. Additional Essential Skill requirements may be added in the future. Options for demonstrating mastery of the Essential Skills of reading, writing and math are shown below. Other options may be available. See the Essential Skills and Local Performance Assessment Manual for details.

Essential Skill	Assessment Options: must meet one for each content area	Proficiency Level
Read and comprehend a variety of text	SBA reading claim score	2515
	OAKS reading test	236
	Extended Assessment <small>(for student with an IEP and on a modified diploma track)</small>	914
	2 locally scored reading work samples: 1 informational reading selection (the second may be either informational or literary)	Composite score of 12 across 3 required trait areas
	ACT	18
	PSAT reading score	44 prior to October 2015 24 after October 2015
	SAT reading score	440 prior to March 2016 24 after March 2016
	Work Keys 1.0 / Work Keys 2.0	5 or 79
	Variety of AP exams (see manual for details)	3
	Accuplacer Reading Comprehension	86
Write clearly and accurately	SBA writing claim score	2583
	Extended Assessment <small>(for student with an IEP and on a modified diploma track)</small>	909
	2 locally scored writing work samples: 1 expository or persuasive, 1 from any mode (expository, persuasive, fictional or personal narrative)	4 on each trait
	SAT writing score	460 prior to March 2016 27 after March 2016
	ACT	19 prior to September 2015 After 9/2015 see ODE chart
Apply math in a variety of settings	SBA math composite score	2543
	OAKS math test	236
	Extended Assessment <small>(for student with an IEP and on a modified diploma track)</small>	907
	2 locally scored math problem solving work samples: 1 each from 2 of the following – algebra, geometry, statistics	4 on each strand plus accuracy
	ACT	19
	PSAT math score	45 prior to October 2015 24.5 after October 2015
	SAT math score	450 prior to March 2016 24.5 after March 2016
	Work Keys 1.0 / Work Keys 2.0	5 or 79
	Variety of AP exams (see manual for details)	3