

Chapter 8

College- and Career-Readiness Assessment (ACCUPLACER)

The Purpose of College- and Career-Readiness Assessment Implementation (IC 20-32-9 / PL 268-2013) Program in Indiana

During the 2013 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly passed HEA 1005, and the Governor signed PL 268-2013 into law. A component of this law (IC 20-32-9) requires public and state-accredited nonpublic school students who meet specific criteria to take a college- and career-readiness exam and potentially receive remediation.

The legislation has a focus on early identification of students' remediation needs. It requires the administration of a college and career readiness examination by high schools to students who might need remediation. It also contains provisions limiting eligibility for state student financial aid in college for a small number of students.

During the 2015 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly passed HEA 1637, which added grade 12 to the ACCUPLACER administration.

The assessment selected to meet the requirements of a college- and career-readiness assessment for this school year is the ACCUPLACER Customized Version (also used as a customized version for Ivy Tech).

Testing Opportunities

IC 21-18.5-4-8.5 stipulates that students who graduate in 2015 or after and who receive general diplomas with evidence-based waivers are disqualified from receiving state scholarships, grants, or assistance administered by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education unless the student passes a college- and career-readiness assessment.

IC 20-32-9 required the development of guidelines to assist secondary schools in identifying students who are likely to require remedial work at postsecondary institutions or workforce training programs after graduation from high school. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) works in collaboration with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE), Indiana Department of Workforce Development (IDWD) to continually develop criteria regarding the identification of the students that need to take the college- and career-readiness assessment, which are then taken to the State Board of Education (SBOE) for approval. Once the criteria is finalized and approved it will be disseminated to Indiana high schools.

NOTE:

For additional information, please access <http://www.doe.in.gov/ccr/accuplacer-and-remediation>.