

Transitions and Alignment

	GRADE		EARLY-CHILDHOOD EDUCATION					COLLEGE READINESS		
			Early-Learning Standards	School-Readiness Definition	School-Readiness Assessment	Readiness Interventions	Kindergarten Standards	Defining Readiness	College-Prep Required	
			State early-learning standards aligned with elementary grade academic standards (2008-09)	State has formal definition of school readiness (2008-09)	State requires districts to assess readiness of entering students (2008-09)	State has programs for children not meeting school-readiness expectations (2008-09)	Kindergarten-learning expectations are aligned with elementary-secondary standards (2008-09)	State has defined college readiness (2008-09)	State requires all high school students to take a college-preparatory curriculum to earn a diploma (2008-09)	
Maryland	A	96.4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
New Mexico	A	92.9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Class of 2013	
West Virginia	A	92.9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
New York	B+	89.3	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tennessee	B+	89.3	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Class of 2014	
Arkansas	B	85.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Class of 2010	
Georgia	B	85.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	in progress		
Michigan	B	85.7	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Class of 2011	
Texas	B	85.7	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
California	B-	82.1	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes		
Maine	B-	82.1	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	in progress		
Ohio	B-	82.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Class of 2014	
Pennsylvania	B-	82.1	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes		
Virginia	B-	82.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Alabama	C+	78.6	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Class of 2013	
Florida	C+	78.6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	in progress		
Indiana	C+	78.6	Yes				Yes	Yes	Class of 2011	
Iowa	C+	78.6	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Class of 2011	
New Jersey	C+	78.6	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes		
Oklahoma	C+	78.6	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Class of 2010	
Oregon	C+	78.6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	in progress		
Kentucky	C	75.0	Yes				Yes	Yes	Class of 2012	
Louisiana	C	75.0	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	in progress	Class of 2012	
Massachusetts	C	75.0	Yes				Yes			
Minnesota	C	75.0	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes		
Mississippi	C	75.0	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Class of 2012	
South Carolina	C	75.0	Yes				Yes	Yes		
Washington	C	75.0	Yes				Yes	Yes		
Alaska	C-	71.4	Yes		Yes		Yes			
Arizona	C-	71.4	Yes				Yes			
Connecticut	C-	71.4	Yes				Yes	in progress		
Hawaii	C-	71.4	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			
New Hampshire	C-	71.4	Yes				Yes			
Rhode Island	C-	71.4	Yes				Yes	in progress	Yes	
Utah	C-	71.4	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Vermont	C-	71.4	Yes			Yes	Yes			
Wisconsin	C-	71.4	Yes	Yes			Yes	in progress		
District of Columbia	D+	67.9	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			
Illinois	D+	67.9	Yes			Yes	Yes			
Missouri	D+	67.9	Yes				Yes	in progress		
Nevada	D+	67.9	Yes				Yes		Class of 2011	
North Carolina	D+	67.9	Yes	Yes			Yes	in progress	Class of 2010	
North Dakota	D+	67.9			Yes		Yes			
Colorado	D	64.3	Yes				Yes			
Delaware	D	64.3	Yes				Yes		Class of 2011	
Montana	D	64.3	Yes				Yes	in progress		
Wyoming	D	64.3	Yes				Yes			
Idaho	D-	60.7	Yes				Yes			
Kansas	D-	60.7	Yes	Yes			Yes			
South Dakota	D-	60.7	Yes				Yes		Class of 2010	
Nebraska	F	57.1	Yes				Yes			
U.S.¹	C	75.2	50	19	19	23	51	20	3	

NOTES:

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, 2009

QUALITY COUNTS 2009 online at www.edweek.org/go/qc09

		ECONOMY AND WORKFORCE						
		Course Credits Aligned	Aligning High School Assessments	Postsecondary Decisions	Work Readiness	Career-Tech Diploma	Industry Certification	Portable Credits
		Course credits required for diploma are aligned with postsecondary system (2008-09)	State high school assessments are aligned with postsecondary system (2008-09)	Statewide high school assessment results used for admission, placement, or scholarship decisions in state postsecondary system (2008-09)	K-12 education system has definition of work readiness (2008-09)	State offers standard high school diploma with career specialization (2008-09)	K-12 system offers pathway leading to industry-recognized certificate or license (2008-09)	K-12 system offers pathway to earn credits to transfer to postsecondary education system (2008-09)
Maryland		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Mexico		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Virginia		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New York		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tennessee		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arkansas		Class of 2010			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Georgia			Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michigan			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Texas				Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
California				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maine			Yes	Yes	in progress	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ohio						Yes	Yes	Yes
Pennsylvania			Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Virginia					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alabama		Class of 2013			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Florida					in progress	Yes	Yes	Yes
Indiana			Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iowa		Class of 2011			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Jersey					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oregon		Class of 2014			Yes	Yes		Yes
Kentucky		Class of 2012	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Louisiana		Class of 2012			in progress	Yes	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minnesota		Yes			Yes			Yes
Mississippi							Yes	Yes
South Carolina					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Washington					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alaska					Yes		Yes	Yes
Arizona				Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Connecticut					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hawaii						Yes	Yes	
New Hampshire					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island					in progress	Yes	Yes	Yes
Utah							Yes	Yes
Vermont						Yes	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin					in progress	Yes	Yes	Yes
District of Columbia						Yes		
Illinois			Yes					Yes
Missouri					Yes		Yes	Yes
Nevada		Class of 2011				Yes	Yes	Yes
North Carolina					in progress	Yes		Yes
North Dakota					Yes	Yes	Yes	
Colorado			Yes					Yes
Delaware				Yes				Yes
Montana		Yes			Yes			
Wyoming						Yes		Yes
Idaho		Class of 2013	Class of 2013					Yes
Kansas					in progress			
South Dakota								Yes
Nebraska								
U.S.¹		7	11	9	28	37	38	45