

## Essential Skills

# Categories of Assessments Approved for Essential Skills Graduation Requirement

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Category</b>	Statewide Assessment
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Category</b>	Other Assessments
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Category</b>	Work Samples

# 1st Category: Statewide Assessment

## Assessment Option and Achievement Standards

Academic Year	Assessment	Reading	Writing	Math
2013-2014	OAKS	236	40	236
2014-beyond	Smarter Balanced	Smarter Balanced field test results will be used to establish a Smarter Balanced that represents an equivalent level of rigor to the current OAKS achievement standard.		

- **Any increase in rigor requires adequate notice:**  
*before March 1st of the cohort's 8th grade year.*

## 2nd Category: Other Assessments

### Assessment Options and Achievement Standards

Assessment	Reading	Writing	Math
ACT	18	19*	19
Plan	18	N/A	19
WorkKeys	5	N/A	5
Compass	81	N/A	66 (Int Alg)
Asset	42	N/A	41 (Int Alg)
SAT	440	460*	450
PSAT	44	N/A	45
AP/IB	Various	N/A	Various
Accuplacer	86	N/A	N/A

*\*Based on the composite score derived from both the selected response and direct-writing portions of the test. The SAT refers to this as the Writing section of the SAT. The ACT refers to this as the combined English/Writing test.*

# 3rd Category: Work Samples

## Assessment Options and Achievement Standards

	Reading	Writing	Math
Number of Work Samples	2 Total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One of which must be informational</li></ul>	2 Total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One must be expository or persuasive</li><li>• One in any of the approved modes (expository, persuasive, narrative)</li></ul>	2 Total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One each for any two of the required content strands (algebra, geometry, or statistics)</li></ul>
Score Categories	Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate General Understanding</li><li>• Develop an Interpretation</li><li>• Analyze Text</li></ul>	Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ideas/ Content</li><li>• Organization</li><li>• Sentence Fluency</li><li>• Conventions</li></ul>	Process Dimensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Making Sense of the Task Representing and Solving the Task</li><li>• Communicating Reasoning</li><li>• Accuracy</li><li>• Reflecting and Evaluating</li></ul>
Work Sample Score Requirement	Minimum score of 12, with no Trait lower than 3.	Minimum score of 4 in all Traits.	Minimum score of 4 in all Process Dimensions.

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### Guidelines

- All work samples must be scored with the official scoring guides.
- Work samples must meet the level of rigor required on the OAKS assessment.
- Work samples provide an optional means to demonstrate proficiency not an easier means.