

BLUEPRINT FOR COLLEGE READINESS



Education Commission
of the States

BLUEPRINT PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Education Commission of the States launched the Blueprint for College Readiness initiative to provide guidance and support to the growing number of states working to improve student success and transition from high school into postsecondary. Designed by state leaders for state leaders, the Blueprint features a menu of 10 critical policies promoting college readiness and success. A 50-state analysis explores the extent to which states are pursuing these policies. The accompanying resources, technical assistance and online database are designed to respond to the unique needs of states.

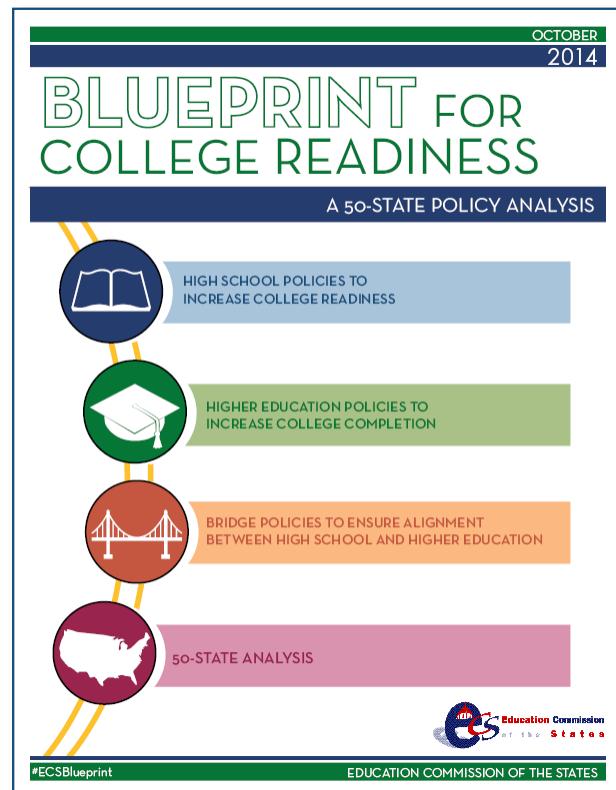
The Blueprint is designed to serve as a framework to help K-12 and higher education leaders conceptualize the multitude of education reform efforts underway in their states. It is based on the premise that K-12 and postsecondary collaboration is essential to building an aligned education pipeline and improving student outcomes.

The framework unites two driving forces in state and federal policymaking:

- ◆ To improve the college and career readiness of graduating high school students
- ◆ To decrease remedial education and improve the rate of students who earn a degree or credential.

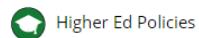
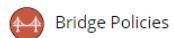
The analysis includes four high school policies, four postsecondary policies and two “bridge” policies that impact both stakeholders. Collectively, the 10 policies covered in the Blueprint enable states to bring together college and career readiness, transition and degree attainment goals.

The second section of the report contains individual state profiles as a way for leaders to quickly discern where strengths and opportunities exist and where they can get more information and resources should they decide to take action. Finally, a 50-state searchable data portal will provide an array of content-rich, easy-to-understand features.



www.ecs.org/docs/ECSBlueprint.pdf

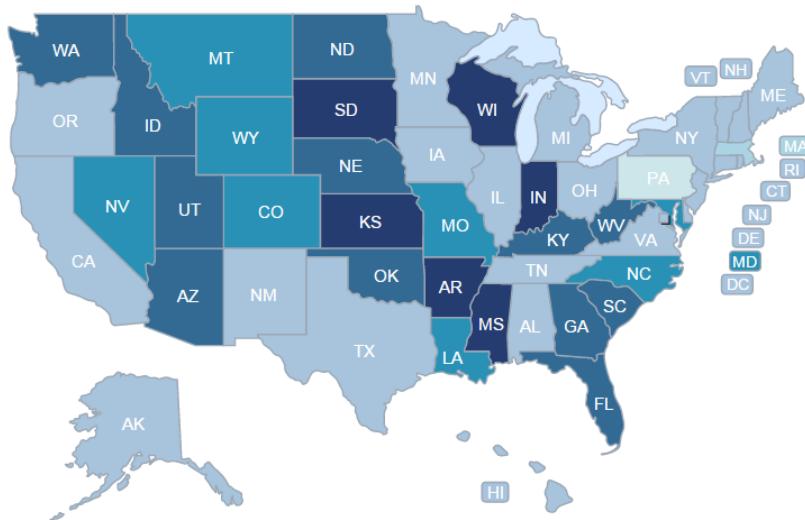
Blueprint Web Portal

[Blueprint Home](#)[High School Policies](#)[Higher Ed Policies](#)[Bridge Policies](#)

Explore our Blueprint policy databases through a unique web portal. Learn about the policy postures of different states, access individual state profiles and view interactive national maps covering all 10 Blueprint policy areas.

Point, click, learn.

High School Graduation Requirements



STATE	CCR Standards	CCR Assessments	K-12 Graduation Requirements Aligned	K-12 Accountability	Statewide Admission	Statewide Remedial & Placement	Transfer*	Higher Education Accountability*	Statewide CCR Definition	P-20 Data & Reports	
Alabama	★	★		★		★			★	★	6/10
Alaska	★	★		★						★	4/10
Arizona	★	★	★		★		★	★	★	★	8/10
Arkansas	★	★	★		★	★	★		★	★	8/10
California	★	★		★		★				★	5/10
Colorado	★	★		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	9/10
Connecticut	★	★				★			★	★	5/10
Delaware	★	★							★	★	4/10

Explore State Profiles

The Blueprint includes individualized state profiles for the 50 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia. Each profile contains contextual information in each of the 17 policy areas analyzed, covers state strengths, provides references for policy learning and offers suggestions for future consideration.

Blueprint National Policy Overview

Our simple, quick reference guide provides a snapshot overview of where each of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia stands with adoption of statute in each of the 10 policy anchors covered in the Blueprint. Compare among and across states or drill down in the national profiles in a specific policy area.

POLICY REVIEW		KANSAS	NATIONAL
1. CCR STANDARDS AP, IB and/or dual credit required	YES No		48 states + D.C. 25 states
2. ASSESSMENTS	YES, State-developed/ contracted		14 - SBAC 11 - PARCC 18 - ACT 4 - SAT 10 - state developed 14 - end-of-course
3. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS H.S. course requirements match statewide college admissions	YES		18 states match courses Including 6 states that align all courses and 12 states that align all courses but foreign language
4. K-12 ACCOUNTABILITY CCR is indicator in system	NO		23 states use CCR to determine performance
5. ADMISSION STANDARDS Statewide or systemwide	YES Systemwide (single system) GPA; Assessments; High school coursework; Class rank		28 - common admission standards 15 - systemwide 13 - statewide