

## Your Question:

You asked which states administer ACT WorkKeys statewide.

## Our Response:

States have taken several approaches to making ACT WorkKeys available to high school students.

### Statewide administration to all students

Three states will administer ACT WorkKeys statewide in spring 2018:

- **Alabama** (12<sup>th</sup> graders)
- **Michigan** (11<sup>th</sup> graders)
- **Wisconsin** (11<sup>th</sup> graders)

In spring 2015 through 2017, **South Carolina** administered ACT WorkKeys to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders (more details [here](#)). Education Commission of the States is awaiting a response on whether ACT WorkKeys will be administered to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders in spring 2018.

### Statewide administration to all CTE concentrators

One state requires all CTE concentrators (students completing or expected to complete a minimum of four courses in a CTE pathway) to take ACT WorkKeys:

- **North Carolina**: (N.C.G.S.A. § 115C-174.25)

### Administered in lieu of statewide ACT

At least two states that administer ACT to all public school 11<sup>th</sup> graders allow students to choose to take ACT WorkKeys instead of ACT:

- **North Dakota** (NDCC, 15.1-21-19)
- **Wyoming** (WY Rules and Regulations EDU GEN Ch. 40 s 5 and 6)

### Optional assessment – no cost to students

In addition, some states make available WorkKeys at no cost to students:

- **Louisiana**: According to Louisiana Department of Education staff, the state pays for one administration of WorkKeys for 11<sup>th</sup> graders on the Jump Start diploma pathway. (La. Admin Code. tit. 28, Pt XI, § 7209)
- **South Dakota**: 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to take the WorkKeys. More details [here](#).
- **Wyoming**: 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders may choose to take ACT WorkKeys.