

# Unbridled Learning: College/Career Readiness for All

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## State testing

State law required Kentucky to launch a new assessment and accountability system in 2011-2012. Unbridled Learning: College/Career Readiness for All replaced the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS).

New tests called K-PREP, designed to measure how well students are learning the required material, replace the Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT). K-PREP stands for Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress.

The state also adopted a new set of nationally developed standards, the Kentucky Core Academic Standards, on which to assess students in math and reading. Science and social studies standards are in the works, too.

## Accountability

Under the Unbridled Learning model, schools and districts will be accountable for five areas of student performance:

- Achievement (proficiency)
- Closure of learning gaps
- Academic growth or annual progress
- Graduation rates
- College and career readiness

The Kentucky Department of Education will classify districts and individual schools as distinguished, proficient, needs improvement or persistently low achieving.