

Unbridled Learning: College/Career Readiness for All

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.