

# WHICH TEST SHOULD I TAKE?

STATE OF ALASKA WILL PAY FOR ONE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY ASSESSMENT – OPTIONS ARE BELOW

<b>Career Ready: WorkKeys</b>	<b>College Ready: ACT</b>	<b>College Ready: SAT</b>
<b>Offered during school day</b> Individual Schools will choose one test date between Nov 10-Feb 13 Online WorkKeys Window (check with your school for date of test)	<b>Offered during school day</b> Mar 3 ACT In-School Mar 31 ACT In-School make-up	<b>Offered on Saturday</b> Jan 24 SAT National Test Saturday for Vouchers (at National Test Center Site)
Job skills assessment measuring “real world” skills that employers believe are critical to job success.	Standardized test widely used for college admissions	Standardized test widely used for college admissions
Some employers may ask for WorkKeys scores	Most colleges will accept both the SAT and the ACT; however, you should check with your target schools prior to choosing which exam to take	Most colleges will accept both the SAT and the ACT; however, you should check with your target schools prior to choosing which exam to take
Test questions are based on situations in the everyday work world	More of a content-based test	Tests critical thinking and problem-solving
Tests 3 areas: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information	Tests 5 areas: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test	Tests 3 areas: Critical Reading, Mathematics, and required Writing Test
Option to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) at Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze levels	Score range: each section and composite score range is 1-36	Score range: each section 200-800; total score range is 600-2400
Helps students connect the dots between academics and careers	Essay sections comes last	Essay section comes first
	No penalty for guessing	Test has a penalty for guessing
	Does test English grammar	Does not test English grammar
	Tests more advanced math concepts (includes trigonometry)	Stronger emphasis on vocabulary
	Questions tend to be more straightforward	
	Admissions officers are most concerned with your composite score (more of a “big picture” exam)	College admissions officers care about how you did on each sections
	Test tackles one content area at a time	Test moves back and forth between content areas
Delivered on a web-based platform	Paper/pencil format	Paper/pencil format
Paper/pencil version available for accommodations other than extended time.	Request for accommodations is a paper-based application process; collaboration between family and school is necessary (*Students seeking accommodations should submit request in June preceding junior year, once the coming year’s forms are posted online)	Request for accommodations is an online application process; collaboration between family and school is necessary (*Students seeking accommodations should submit request in spring of sophomore year)
Qualifying scores may be used for the Career & Technical (CTE) Alaska Performance Scholarship Award*	Qualifying scores may be used for the Collegiate or CTE Alaska Performance Scholarship Award *	Qualifying scores may be used for the Collegiate or CTE Alaska Performance Scholarship Award*

\*Students must also meet curriculum and GPA requirements for APS Awards.

***Return CCRA form to your school office by the date listed.  
If you fail to return this form, you will be registered for the WorkKeys Assessment.***