

The ESTF Phase II policy group made up of administrators representing K-12, higher education, community college, and workforce addressed the following questions:

What are state and local assessment options for the Essential Skills that would be acceptable to higher education and community college institutions for admissions and placement?

What level of proficiency is necessary for students to exit high school and be successful in community college, university, and entry level employment?

Essential Skills	State assessment	Local assessment	Comments
Read	OAKS		-Independent of content area, scored by 3rd party -Establish a performance range
Write	State Writing Test		-Independent of content area, scored by 3rd party (compare with SAT)
Listen/Speak		Speaking Scoring Guide (statewide criteria)	-Speaking in front of audiences also pulls management skills (i.e. being on time, dress) -No scoring guide for listening. -Listening goes along with following direct skills, i.e. ability to collaborate on a team
Apply math	*preferred statewide exam, scored by 3rd party, retakes allowed		-*OAKS is a math content exam and does not have "variety of settings" -- multiple choice test would have to be modified for application piece (check CA test) -A math problem solving assessment would be preferred
Think	*Some indicators may be embedded in OAKS reading, writing, math assessments; or PSAT, SAT, ACT?	May be assessed locally using statewide criteria?	-*may be met through an accumulation of opportunities in reading, writing, math problem solving, PSA (check for alignment with PSAT, SAT, ACT) -Some colleges may be satisfied with format versus a bar for admissions. Important that they are doing critical thinking.

Global	Local assessments	Variety of types of assessments, indepe
Literacy		may be met through civic projects/servi
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Civic/Communi		Could these ES be embedded in social sc
ty Engagement		validated through meeting course requir
Technology	Local assessments	Variety of types of assessments, indepe
		should be embedded with other ES and ac
Personal	Local assessments	Currently being assessed locally as CRL
management/		to refine it
teamwork		Could attendance me a measure here?