Starting Students on the Path to College and Career Success

ReadiStep™ — the first step on the College Board’s College and Career Readiness Pathway — is a middle-grades assessment that provides measures, reports and tools to help students be on track for college success.
What Is ReadiStep™?

ReadiStep™ is a flexible eighth- and ninth-grade assessment that measures the knowledge and skills students need to be on track for success in high school, college and careers. It helps identify the skills students need to develop, establishing an academic baseline and student road map for improvement. And it helps schools make early interventions at a critical point in a student’s school career as he or she makes the transition to high school.

ReadiStep works together with the PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT® to maximize the ability to track student performance — using consistent formats, content, tools and reporting methods. From the middle grades through high school, these proven feedback tools provide valuable insight into student performance and equip educators with the information they need to make the most informed decisions about curricula.

The College and Career Readiness Pathway

ReadiStep is the first step on the College and Career Readiness Pathway — a series of integrated diagnostic assessments, including the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT — that measures a student’s progress toward college readiness from the eighth through 12th grades.

The feedback and tools within the Pathway help students improve their skills and enable educators to make curricular changes that enhance learning and minimize remediation in college.

Why Use ReadiStep?

An easy-to-administer, paper-and-pencil test given during the school day, ReadiStep measures core reading, writing and math skills. The results can help students, educators and parents understand which skills need work as students make the important transition into high school. ReadiStep results can also help identify students who may be ready for more rigorous course work.

Benefits for Students and Educators

ReadiStep helps students and educators by providing:

- Early indicators of students’ college readiness
- Information educators can use to adjust their curriculum
- Tools to help improve student skills and target course selection
- Resources to empower college aspirations and career ambitions

Valuable Tools and Resources

ReadiStep helps students and educators take the next step toward college readiness by providing:

- Detailed Data and Reports
  Helps students, schools and districts identify skill gaps early with the use of data and reports
- MyRoad™
  Helps students explore majors and careers using a free online planning tool
- Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS)
  Delivers valuable performance data to help adjust curricula and improve instruction
- Skills Insight™
  Provides insight into the skills reflected at each score level and suggestions for improving each skill

Alignment to Common Core State Standards

The aim of the College Board is to become the national leader in assessment that is deeply aligned to the Common Core State Standards. Recent alignment studies confirm that the College Board’s College and Career Readiness Pathway assessments are equally or more aligned to the Common Core than any other large-scale assessment available today.

ReadiStep is also aligned to the College Board Standards for College Success (CBSCS), a national model of rigorous standards that defines the knowledge and skills students need to be college ready.

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