

Federal and State Legislation Concerning Student Assessment

Federal Law:

ESEA as amended by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001

Title I Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged.

20 USC 6311, SEC. 1111 (b) (3) *Academic Assessments.*

- High quality, yearly student academic assessments in mathematics, reading, or language arts, and science
- Aligned with the state's challenging academic content and student academic achievement standards
- Administered not less than once during grades 3-5, grades 6-9, and grades 10-12
- Multiple measures including measures that assess higher order thinking skills and understanding
- Assessment of all students with reasonable adaptations and accommodations for students with disabilities
- Inclusion of limited English proficient students providing reasonable accommodations
- Disaggregated data by gender, race, English proficiency status, migrant status, students with disabilities, and students with economic disadvantage at state, district and school levels

20 USC 6311, SEC. 1111 (b) (7) *Assessment of English Language Proficiency.*

- Annual assessment of English proficiency measuring students' oral language, reading, and writing skills in English of all students with limited English proficiency

State Laws:

Colorado Revised Statutes 22-7-409 *Assessments.*

Must have a state Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) for Reading, Writing, Mathematics- grades 3 -10, and Science, grade 5, 8, & 10

Colorado Revised Statutes 22-7-1006(1) (a) *Preschool through elementary and secondary education-aligned assessment-adoption-revisions.*

On or before December 15, 2010 state board must adopt a system of assessments that are aligned with the preschool through elementary and secondary standards

Colorado Revised Statutes 22-7-1008(2) (a) *Postsecondary and workforce readiness description-post secondary and workforce planning, preparation, and readiness assessments-adoption-revisions*

On or before December 15, 2010 state board must adopt one or more postsecondary and workforce preparation assessments