

## The New Graduation Requirement Assessments

- In order to be eligible for a diploma from a Minnesota public high school, all students must fulfill graduation assessment requirements.
- Based on the revisions to Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30, the graduation assessment requirements have changed.
- There are different routes to meeting graduation assessment requirements depending on when students first enroll in grade 8.

### Routes To Graduation . . .

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#### **Grade 12 Student and Older in School Year 2014–2015 (first enrolled in grade 8 in 2010–2011 or earlier)**

Can meet the graduation assessment requirements through any combination of the following three options:

1. Pass the GRADs in reading, mathematics and written composition
  2. Take any of the following: ACT assessment, WorkKeys job skills assessment, ACT Compass college placement test or the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
  3. Take a qualifying alternative assessment. SPPS' qualifying assessment is ACCUPLACER.
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#### **Grade 11 Student in School Year 2014–2015 (first enrolled in grade 8 in 2011–2012)**

- Take the grade 11 ACT plus Writing during the statewide administration in 2014–2015 in writing, reading, and mathematics to meet graduation assessment requirements
  - If a student is unable to participate in the grade 11 ACT Plus Writing in 2014–2015, the student may meet the graduation assessment requirements through any of the three options for “Grade 12 Student and Older in School Year 2014- 2015.” (same options as 12<sup>th</sup> graders; above)
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#### **Grades 9 and 10 Students in School Year 2014–2015 (first enrolled in grade 8 in 2012–2013 or 2013–2014)**

These students will take the new series of career and college assessments, which will first be administered in school year 2014–2015:

- Grade 10 will take ACT Plan career and college assessment.
  - Grade 11 will take ACT Plus Writing statewide administration.
  - Some Grade 10 Students will take ACT Compass (diagnostic assessment)  
Students not yet academically ready for a career or college based on their performance on the Grade 10 Plan must take the college placement diagnostic exam before taking the ACT Plus Writing in the spring. Threshold score on ACT plan is currently being determined by MDE. \*
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#### **Grade 8 Student and Younger in School Year 2014–2015 (first enrolled in grade 8 in 2014-15 and later)**

These students will take the new series of career and college assessments, which will first be administered in school year 2014–2015:

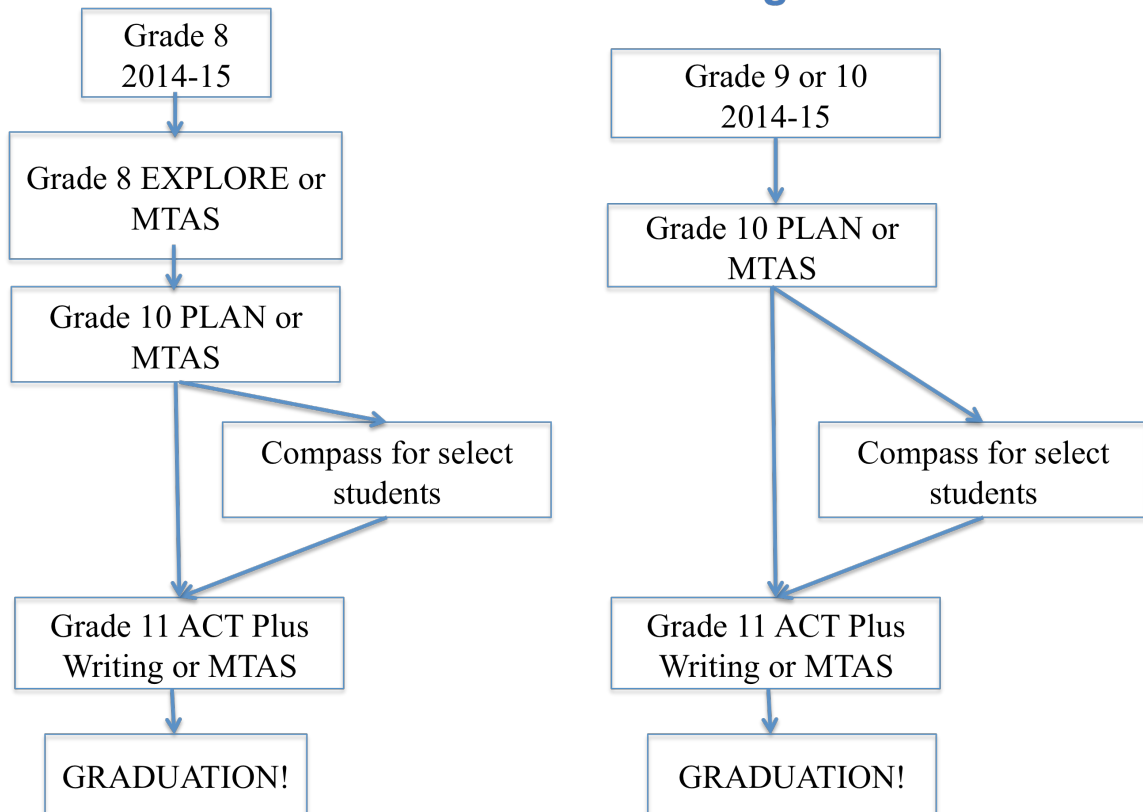
- Grade 8 will take ACT Explore career and college assessment.
  - Grade 10 will take ACT Plan career and college assessment.
  - Grade 11 will take ACT Plus Writing statewide administration.
  - Some Grade 10 Students will take ACT Compass (diagnostic assessment) \*
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### Resources and Links

- REA Website: <http://rea.spps.org>  
SPPS Testing Calendar ~ Assessment Notices and Updates ~ Graduation Assessment Requirements Changes
- MDE Website: <http://education.state.mn.us/mde/index.html>  
Just For Parents ~ Testing Information ~ Parent Fact Sheets



## The New Graduation Assessments grades 8-10



## The New Graduation Assessments grades 11 and higher

