

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## S.B. 20-175- Assessment Scores on a Student's Final Transcript



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[S.B. 20-175](#) amended C.R.S. 22-7-1016 (2) to prohibit the inclusion of a student's state or national assessment score on final high school transcripts. "National assessment" is defined as any assessment that is administered throughout the United States to measure postsecondary or workforce readiness.

Since the passage of this bill, CDE has received a number of questions from local education providers (LEPs) about how to implement it. These FAQs are designed to provide some initial guidance, but as with any statute, LEPs are encouraged to consult with local legal counsel for interpretation.

**Q:** *Can students elect to have assessment scores added to their final transcript?*

**A:** No. The statute states that each high school student's final transcript must not indicate the student's level of performance on a state or national readiness assessment.

**Q:** *What is the definition of "final transcript?"*

**A:** There is no statutory definition of "final transcript." Therefore, local education providers (LEP) may define what constitutes the final transcript in their local context.

**Q:** *How can students provide their assessment scores to institutions of higher education if these scores can no longer appear on the final transcript?*

**A:** Students may request to send up to 4 score reports to institutions of higher education at no cost during each administration of the SAT and/or ACT. Students may send additional score reports and/or add recipients by logging into their student account for each assessment and paying a fee. Fee waivers are available via the student's school and/or the assessment vendor for income eligible students.

For sharing scores on assessments other than the ACT and SAT, please refer to the assessment's individual website.

**Q:** *Can an LEP require that assessment scores be included on final transcripts?*

**A:** No. S.B. 20-175 states that transcripts must not indicate assessment scores, "notwithstanding any graduation requirement adopted by a local education provider." This means that scores may not be included on transcripts regardless of whether the local education provider has adopted a graduation requirement setting minimum performance expectations on a test.

**Q:** *How can a transcript reflect a student's level of postsecondary and workforce readiness, especially in regards to Graduation Guidelines?*



**A:** As stated above, a final transcript may not disclose a student's actual assessment score. However, a final transcript may include the way in which a student demonstrated postsecondary and workforce readiness (PWR). In other words, if a student demonstrated PWR according to the [Graduation Guidelines Menu of Options](#) in English via the SAT and in math via the ASVAB, the transcript may state the way that the student met graduation requirements. The following example would be permissible:

Graduation competency met:

- English- SAT
- Math- ASVAB

If you have further questions about the effects of this new legislation, please contact your local legal counsel.