

The CCI shows how well local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools are preparing high school students for success after graduation, whether in postsecondary education or in a career. For this reason, the CCI consists of both college- and career-readiness measures. This flyer contains the college-readiness measures. To view the career-readiness measures, please visit <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/documents/ccicareer.pdf>.

College readiness means completing rigorous coursework, passing challenging exams, or receiving a state seal. Several measures have been approved by the State Board of Education as indicating college readiness, as shown below. For each measure, specific criteria are used to determine whether a student is “Prepared” or “Approaching Prepared.”



## Prepared

Graduates classified as Prepared must meet at least one of the criteria:

- **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments**  
Receive a score of Level 3 “Standard Met” or higher on both English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams**  
Receive a score of 3 or higher on two AP exams
- **International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams**  
Receive a score of 4 or higher on two IB exams
- **College Credit Courses**  
Complete two semesters, three quarters, or three trimesters of college coursework with a grade of C- or better in academic/Career Technical Education (CTE) subjects where college credits are awarded
- **State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB)**  
Receive the SSB *and* a score of Level 3 or higher in ELA on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments

- **University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) a–g requirements**

Complete a–g course requirements with a grade of C or better and meet one of the additional criteria below:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments: Receive a score of Level 3 or higher in one subject area (ELA or mathematics) and a score of Level 2 in the other area
- Complete one semester/two quarters/two-trimesters of College Credit Courses with a grade of C- or better in academic/CTE subjects where college credits are awarded for each course
- Receive a score of 3 on one AP exam or score 4 on one IB exam
- Complete a CTE Pathway

## Approaching Prepared

Graduates classified as Approaching Prepared must meet at least one of the criteria:

- **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments**  
Receive a score of Level 2 “Standard Nearly Met” on both ELA and mathematics
- **College Credit Courses**  
Complete one semester, two quarters, or two trimesters of college coursework with a grade of C- or better in academic/CTE subjects where college credits are awarded
- **UC and CSU a–g requirements**  
Complete a–g course requirements with a grade of C or better