



**CCRA+**

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Assessment  
Prep Materials:  
For Parents,  
Family, and  
Caregivers

## ▶ Help Your Child Prepare for Their Future, Today

**Why we are using the College and Career Readiness Assessment (CCRA+) to help ensure your child has the skills needed for success after graduation.**

Your child will soon be taking the CCRA+ assessment. This assessment is different from most others they have taken in school. CCRA+ will show how strong your child's critical thinking, problem solving, and written communication skills are. There is not anything your child needs to do to prepare for this assessment. There is not a single correct answer, rather the assessment will measure your child's ability to think critically, solve a problem and communicate their solution and reasoning.

The scores from CCRA+ will help identify your child's strengths and areas of opportunity.

### **Why are these skills important?**

Critical thinking, problem solving, and written communication are among the skills colleges and employers want most. We want to make sure your child has developed these skills so that they can be successful in whatever they decide to do.

### **What is the assessment like?**

- Your child will be asked to come up with a solution for a real-world problem.
- First, they will read several documents that provide background information about the problem.
- After reading the documents, they will write an essay that presents their solution and reasoning.
- After writing their solution, they will be asked a series of multiple choice questions.

## What happens after the assessment?

Your child will receive a report that shows their current mastery level in critical thinking, problem solving, and written communication. The report will also include six subscores for the different parts of the test to help identify your child's strengths and areas of opportunity.

- Your child's report will show their overall score for the assessment as well as their mastery level on a scale from Emerging to Advanced.
- The report will also show how their overall score compares to the average score in their school and with similar students across the U.S.
- Individual scores are also given for each specific skill that was evaluated on the test. These skills include the ability to:
  - Analyze information and solve problems
  - Write clearly, accurately and concisely
  - Follow the rules of writing including grammar
  - Understand and interpret data including graphs and charts
  - Understand text and its meaning
  - Analyze an argument and understand the source and basis for the argument
- For each of these skills, the report will show a comparison of your child's scores with the average score in their school and with similar students across the U.S.

## The data will be used:

- To help identify your child's strengths and areas of opportunity.
- To help your child and their teachers build these skills which are important for your child's academic and career success
- To help school leaders identify opportunities to improve curriculum and programs that teach these skills.

The CCRA+ online platform that students will use to take the test meets the highest standards of data security. Your child's personal information and test scores will not be shared or released to anyone other than you, your child, and your child's school.

**If you have questions about the assessment, please reach out to your child's teacher or their school counselor.**