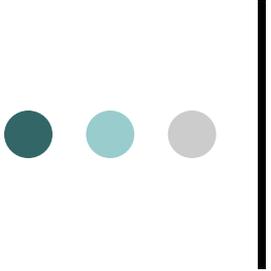


# **COLORADO'S PRESCHOOL TO POSTSECONDARY ALIGNMENT ACT, SB08-212 (CAP4K)**

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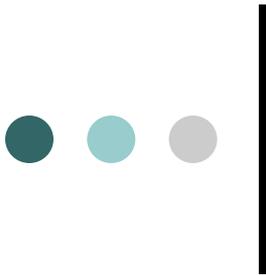
# EVENING'S OBJECTIVES

## *To understand...*

Components included in the redesign of our state assessment system.

## *To hear from you...*

We need your ideas about what it takes to design the next generation of state assessments – specifically, those related to postsecondary and workforce readiness and secondary level (6-12) assessments.

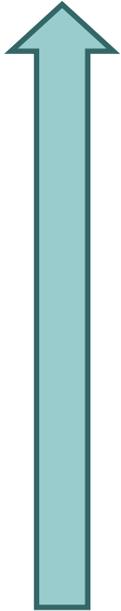


# SB08-212 – KEY POINTS

Postsecondary and  
Workforce Readiness



Descriptions of “School Readiness” and  
“Postsecondary and Workforce  
Readiness”



School Readiness



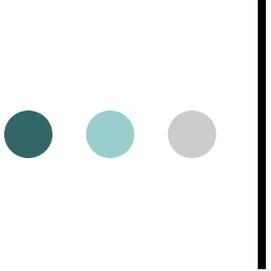
Revised Standards (Fewer,  
Clearer, Higher)



Assessments and  
Endorsed Diplomas  
(High School Pilot)



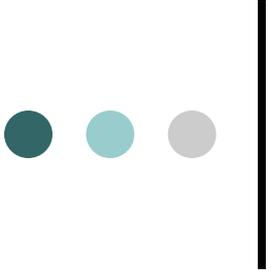
Higher Ed  
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# ASSESSMENT SYSTEM REDESIGN

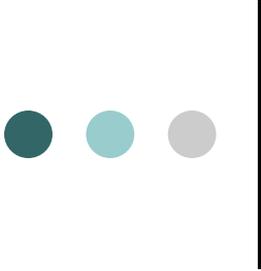
*A redesign of Colorado's assessment system must address these components:*

- ESEA (summative, grade-level and content specific)
- Special populations (special education, ELL)
- School Readiness
- New Academic Standards
- Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness



# **FROM SB08-212: PWR & SECONDARY ASSESSMENT – STEPS**

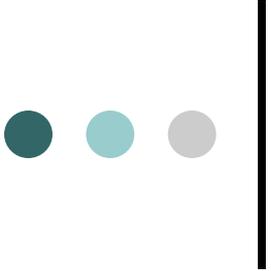
- Adopt Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness (PWR) description – June 2009 [22-7-1008(1)(a)]
- Adopt PWR planning, preparation, & readiness assessments – Dec. 2010 [22-7-1008(2)(a)]
- Adopt scoring criteria [22-7-1008(2)(b)]
- Administration of redesigned assessment system – Dec. 2012 (on or before) [22-7-1016(1)]
- Higher Education Admission Requirements – if necessary, Dec. 2014 [23-1-113(8)(a)]



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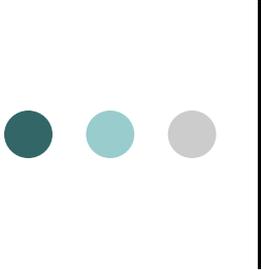
## PWR & SECONDARY ASSESSMENT – ELEMENTS

- Postsecondary & workforce planning, preparation, and readiness assessments [22-7-1008(2)(a)]
- Alignment with Colorado Academic Standards [22-7-1008(b)(a)]
- Alignment with PWR description [22-7-1008(b)(a)]
- Recognized and relevant for college admission in Colorado and throughout the United States [22-7-1003(16) and [22-7-1007(1)(b)]



# GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. What would be the significant elements of an effective assessment system for PWR & secondary grade levels?
2. How should PWR & secondary grade levels be assessed?
3. If you can't have everything, what components would you choose?
4. What would be the optimal impact of an effective assessment system?



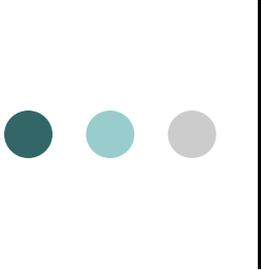
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