

To: AIMS Task Force members
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Re: Collection of research materials on the use of college placement tests in state assessment systems

The attached materials are for our meeting on Wednesday, February 11th. The topic of the meeting is, “the use of college placement tests in state assessment systems.”

In this collection the students and I reviewed other states that included college placement tests as part of the state assessment system. We focused on the two major college placement tests, the ACT and SAT. The summary documents (one-pagers) summarize the results of our research.

In addition, we have included information materials from ACT and SAT in order to introduce the members to the products and options available. The informational materials are not research documents. Therefore, we did not do a summary of these documents.

Finally, we included a recent report from Achieve and the Education Trust that is relevant to our discussions for the next meeting. There is no one-pager for this report because it includes an executive summary.

At the meeting, there will be a short review of these materials (15 minutes) to present the major themes that transcend the individual pieces. I want to thank Stacey Long-Genovese and Eman Yarrow for their efforts in researching and summarizing the collection of materials before you.

I look forward to the meeting.