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**Interactive Map Compares High School Graduation and College Entrance Requirements
for 50 States and the District of Columbia**
Offers Research Synthesis Behind Key National Improvement Initiatives

Washington, DC— The National High School Center has released a [web-based map](#) comparing high school graduation requirements and minimum state university entrance requirements for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The tool outlines the alignment of individual states' graduation requirements and state college entrance requirements indicating whether a gap exists between what students must know to graduate high school and what they are expected to have mastered in order to enter college and succeed.

The online tool offers 51 profiles providing state-specific high school graduation requisites (English, mathematics, social studies, science, foreign language, art, and electives) and compares these data points with the state university entrance requirements. The profiles also capture national high school improvement initiatives in place to improve secondary education, as well as a brief description of the programs/strategies and the related research base.

“Now, more than ever, with the alarming number of students having to take remedial courses in their freshman year of college, bridging high school and university requirements is essential to effectively prepare students to meet success on the postsecondary level. Having access to review and compare the rigor and alignment of high school curricula to state university admissions standards is a critical initial step,” commented Joseph R. Harris, Ph.D., Director of the National High School Center at the American Institutes for Research.

Each profile also provides the number of high school students currently enrolled per state and includes a direct link to the state's high school redesign Web site or the Department of Education for further information.

The map, which will be updated on an ongoing basis, is available on the National High School Center's [Web site](#).



About the National High School Center

The National High School Center (www.betterhighschools.org), established in 2005, serves as a central source of expertise on high school-related issues for the Regional Comprehensive Centers, a national network developed by the U.S. Department of Education. The National High School Center is housed at the American Institutes for Research (www.air.org), located in Washington, D.C. Subcontractors include Learning Point Associates, MDRC, the National Center for Educational Accountability, and WestEd.

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