

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) has granted additional opportunities for high school seniors to meet the LEAP 2025 and Career Diploma IBC credentialing requirement for students in all school systems.

Permit high school seniors enrolled during spring 2022 and graduating by August 31, 2022, to receive assessment substitutions for the LEAP 2025 high school assessment requirement, contingent upon the following:

- a. Meet all other graduation requirements; and
- b. Attempt all LEAP 2025 assessments at least one time.

All high school seniors who meet the qualifications listed below have the option to substitute the following in lieu of the LEAP 2025 high school assessment requirement and/or Career Diploma industry based credential (IBC) requirement:

#### **LEAP 2025 Substitution Opportunities**

1. An ACT composite score of 17 or higher for all students; or
2. An ACT subject score of 17 or higher in the corresponding LEAP 2025 high school assessment pair; or
3. A score of Silver or better on ACT WorkKeys for students pursuing a Career Diploma; or
4. The student participates in 20 or more extended learning hours per LEAP 2025 high school assessment subject pair for which the student has yet to achieve level 2 (approaching basic/fair) or above, with such instruction provided by a qualified teacher. [Use this template to document the extended learning hours and the level of achievement.](#)
  - a. School systems will determine the number of extended learning hours needed (**minimum 20**) and the assessment method used to determine whether or not the student is performing at the equivalent of Approaching Basic.
  - b. Qualified teacher is defined as holding a valid and current teaching certification or a final COMPASS evaluation of Effective:Emerging or better.

#### **Career Diploma IBC Credentialing Requirement Substitution**

1. WorkKeys Silver and above can substitute for an IBC credential for the purpose of meeting graduation requirements for Career Diploma students.

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