

WorkKeys Achievement

2018-2019

Overview

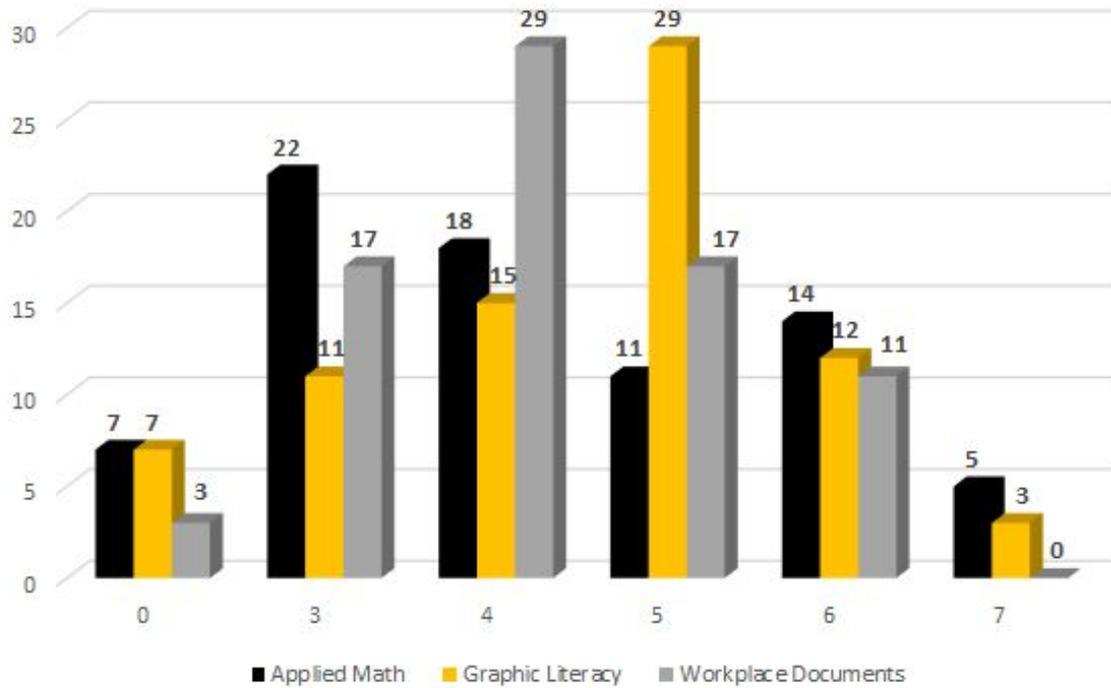
ACT WorkKeys is one component of Missouri's Certified Work Ready Communities initiative. Students who succeed on the assessment qualify for ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). The assessment is supported by data from more than 20,000 job skills profiles and rooted in decades of workplace research. WorkKeys assessments are based on situations in the everyday working world.

More than 1,300 employers in Missouri publicly endorsed the NCRC. Of Missouri's 115 approved counties, 36 are certified in the Certified Work Ready Communities framework with strong participation by local school districts in each county's CWRC leadership; 81 additional counties are working towards certification. *Cass County is now a Certified Work Ready Community.*

Through the end of last school year, successful completion of WorkKeys assessments in Applied Mathematics, Workplace Documents, and Graphic Literacy could lead to earning the National Career Readiness Certificate. These three assessments were new for the 2017-2018 school year. The Applied Math assessment measures critical thinking, mathematical reasoning, and problem solving techniques for situations that actually occur in today's workplace. The Graphic Literacy assessment measures the skill needed to locate, synthesize, and use information from workplace graphics. The Workplace Documents assessment measures the skills people use when they read and use written text such as memos, letters, directions, signs, notices, bulletins, policies, and regulations on the job. On individual assessments, students can score a 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7. A score of a 0 indicates that the student's scale score was below a 72. Workkeys was an optional assessment for our juniors during our fall Super Test Day and was administered to a group of our seniors in the late spring of the 2017-2018 school year.

** In the 2017-2018 school year, we tested 139 students as we worked with Cass County to achieve the necessary numbers to become a WorkReady Community. During the 2018-2019 school year, we further improved our process by spending more time matching each student with the right assessment; we tested 77 students. In regards to certificates, we increased the platinum certificate rate by almost 3%, the gold rate by 8.2% , while reducing the silver rate by 16% and the bronze rate by 7.4%. In regards to specific assessments, we made gains in students who scored 5 or better in the areas of workplace documents and graphic literacy; we lost some ground in students scoring 5 or better in the area of applied math.

WorkKeys Student Scores 2018-2019



WorkKeys Certificates 2018-2019

