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Accountability and Curriculum Reform Effort
in Response to *A Framework For Change*

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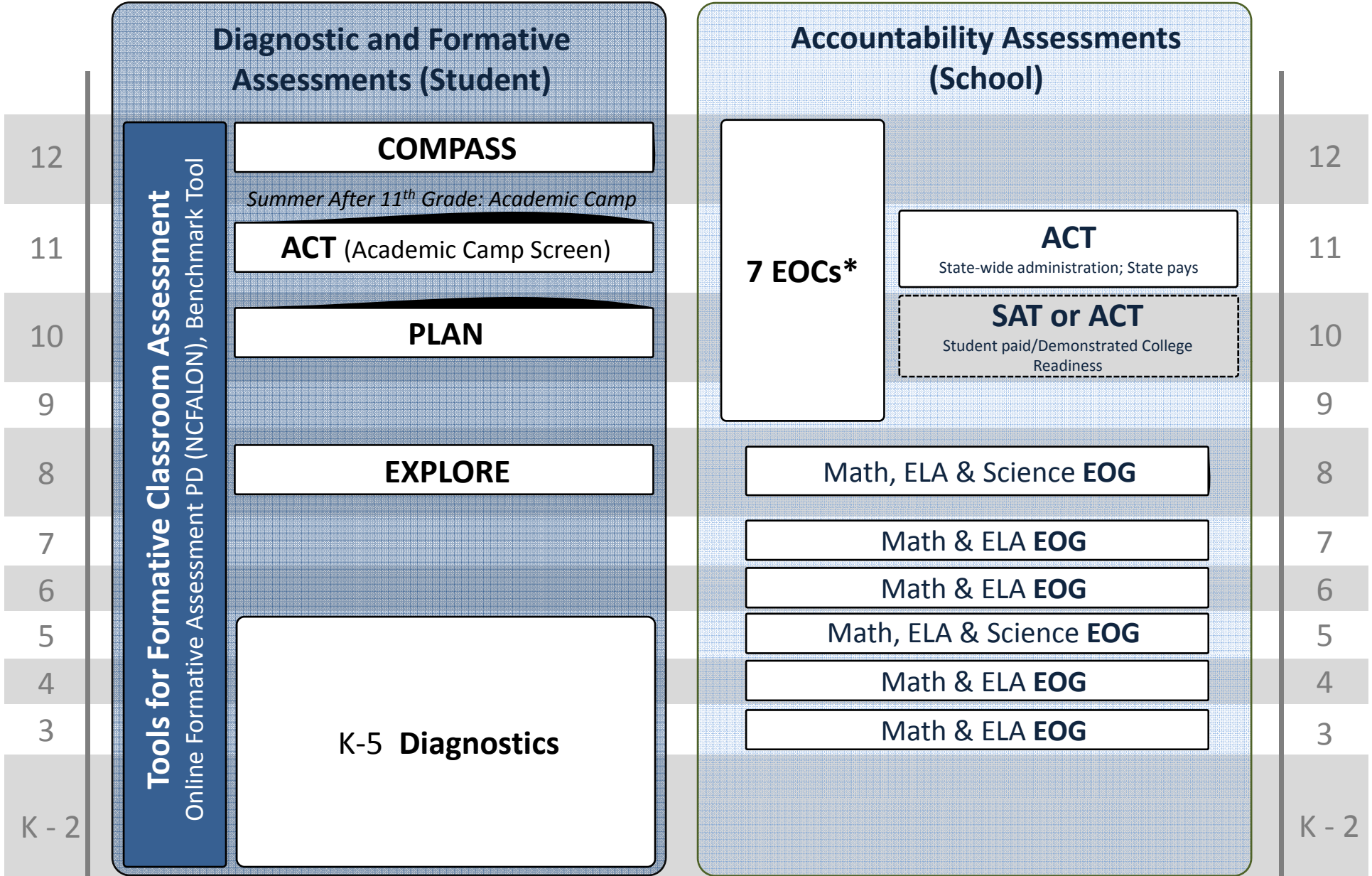
Post-Secondary Readiness and Diagnostic Assessment

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Overview of Comprehensive Assessment



* EOC: 25% of final grade--Physical Science, Biology, Civics & Economics, US History, Algebra I, Algebra II, English I

Emerging Vision

Aligning the Framework for Change, RttT and Career and College: Ready, Set, Go!

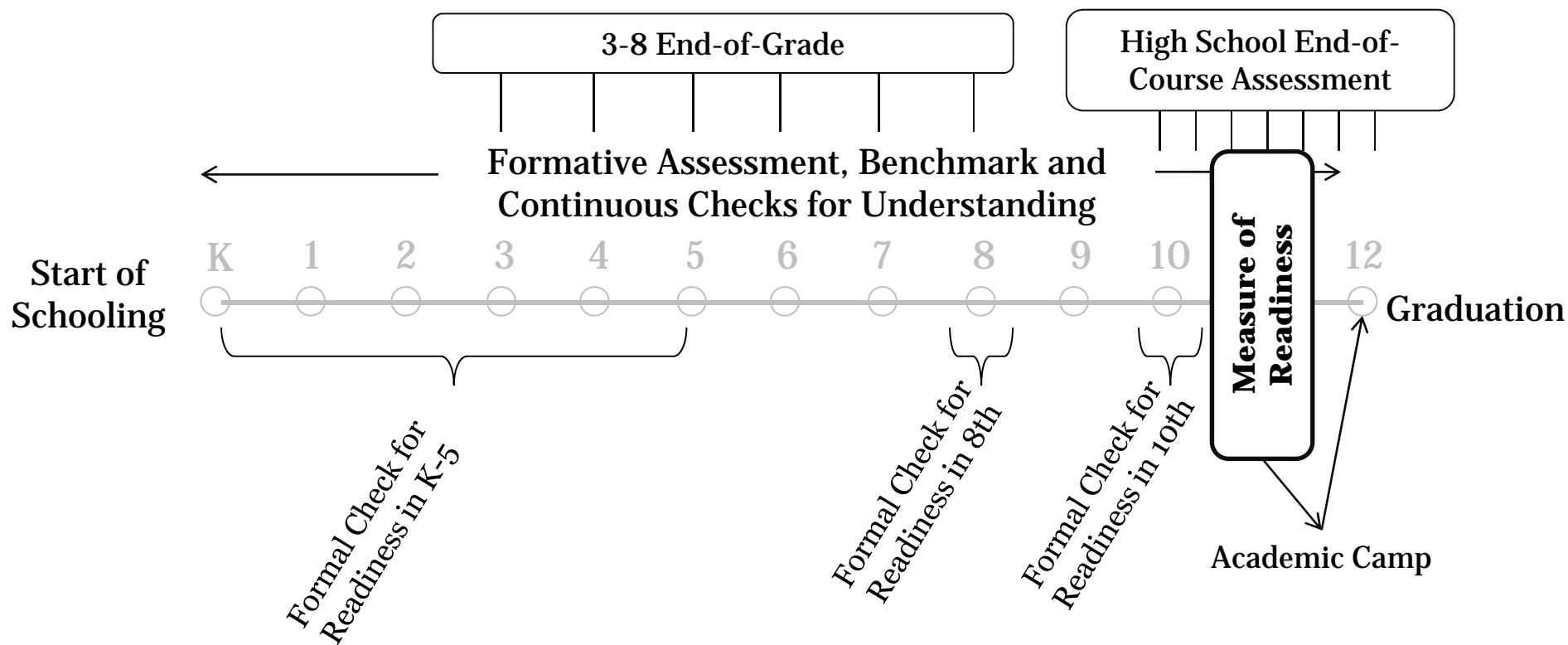
Three Categories of Assessment:

- 1) Non-Compulsory Formative and Benchmark Assessment Tools and Training**
(NC FALCON and RttT Benchmarking/Instructional Improvement System)
- 2) Diagnostic Assessments**
(K-5 Diagnostic, EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT)
- 3) Compulsory Accountability Assessments**
(EOG and EOC assessments and the ACT)

Goal: Institute an accountability model that improves student achievement, increases graduation rates and closes achievement gaps.

Emerging Vision

Another view



Indicators

**Student
Performance**

**Based on authentic assessments
(April 2010)**

**Post-Secondary
Readiness**

ACT

**Student
Growth**

**Robust measures using more
historical data (April 2010)**

**Graduation
Rates**

5-year Cohort (April 2010)

**Math
Course Rigor**

**Students meeting the Future-Ready
Core requirements
(August 2010)**



Student Accountability

Recommendation:

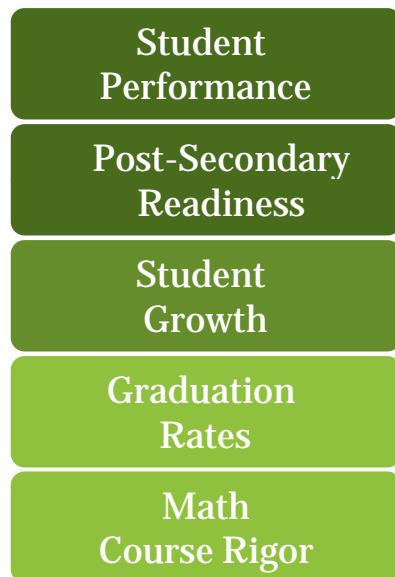
Update the student accountability policies:

- Make gateways a local decision
- Require final grade to be 25% of the overall grade in 6-12 based on EOG and EOC assessments

Rationale:

- Practitioners support 25% policy
- Gateways are not actually functioning as gateways in many schools
- May help reinforce focus on performance *throughout* the year

What's Next?



With established indicators we will...



Start Simulation

- Start with weighting guidance that has been suggested by stakeholders
- Test categorization systems starting with a four quadrant model
- Report simulation results in this winter