



# ACCUPLACER Proctor Training Webinar

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

How do the paper test work with adjusting the math difficulty? Also, how do the audio CDs work?

If you use Companion (paper/pencil format) you would need to score each math section in order to see if the student should take additional sections. Companion is linear and the questions do not adapt.

If a student needs audio do they need to take the paper version?

Audio CDs are for Companion, and Online you would need to use a software program (text to read).

Does Snap & Read or Dragon (text to read software) work with the online version?

I checked with our developers and they have not tested it with Snap & Read or Dragon. We suggest trying this in the demo site before using with a student.

If student is taking the ACCUPLACER in lieu of SAT which do they need to take? Placement or Diagnostic?

ACCUPLACER Placement is the exam specifically stated within the College Entrance Exam rule. Please have your students this exam. The SDE is recommending if a student scores low within a specific domain, the student could take the ACCUPLACER Diagnostic for further information on strengths and areas to improve on. To help determine what a low, middle, or high score is, the SDE has created a [Score Interpretation Guide](#).

If a student has "use of a calculator" as an accommodation on their IEP - are they able to use it during this testing?

Accommodations for ACCUPLACER are a local decision – not mandated by College Board.

Do you have to run the verify system on each individual computer that will be used for testing?

If all the computers in your lab have been imaged the same, you would not need to verify check every computer. Check with your IT Team.

## The Compass had its own built in Calculator. Does ACCUPLACER have that as well, or would the students need to bring their own?

ACCUPLACER has a calculator embedded in the program. The calculator icon will appear for students if they are allowed to use a calculator on that question.

## Can ACCUPLACER online be started then stopped and started again next day?

Yes, please use the Save/Resume functionality in the upper right hand corner of the screen if a student needs to stop a test session. To resume, click on **Administer Test**, click on **Resume Open Test Session**, type student name, click on **Resume Test**.

## Do our colleges in Idaho accept ACCUPLACER results?

Currently, Idaho's colleges require different placement tests for their first year students. The kind and type of test can vary per institution. We do not want this to discourage students from taking the ACCUPLACER. This assessment serves as a great test experience for students to participate in and have the feeling of a college entrance exam. It will provide them experience of what universities and colleges will have them take their first year. Students will also be able to take their results from the test and further explore any options with guidance counselors, teachers, family and higher education institutions.

## If this assessment is not widely accepted by higher education than why would we proceed with this assessment as an option?

The refreshed college entrance exam language created some clarity for students with disabilities. Although ACCUPLACER is currently not widely accepted at Idaho colleges and universities, it can serve as a testing/assessment experience that can lend itself to ongoing conversations about goals after high school, including college. Several surrounding states currently utilize ACCUPLACER for placement tests purposes. Finally, we encourage all staff to closely consider the SAT with accommodations, as many still allow for college reportable scores.

## I have a student who had made arrangements to go take the ACCUPLACER at CSI next week and CSI wants me to send them a link for her. Can you clarify or do I need to call CSI?

We recommend calling the SDE staff with specifics related to testing offsite. The main concerns relate to the ability to bill the state for the assessment and could risk the rationale of why the student is taking the ACCUPLACER to meet the requirement to begin with. Some institutions may not have accommodations programmed in their system the same way the SDE does.

## Are there costs associated with these tests?

There are no costs associated with each test. The SDE has contract with the College Board to provide the exams for each LEA.