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Hi folks,

Below is an e-mail I just sent out to our high school partners about Accuplacer.

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Date: Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 10:38 AM
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To:

Hi folks,

We'll, I took the Accuplacer and boy, what a humbling experience but it allowed me to gather information for you all.

What will your students be taking?

- Native English speaking students will be taking WritePlacer + Math.
- Non-native English speaking students will be taking ESL Reading + KCC's Writing Sample Test + MATH

What is WritePlacer?

Students will actually write an essay, which is VERY different from Compass. Information on WritePlacer can be found on:

<https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/professionals/accuplacer-writeplacer-sample-essays.pdf>

Information on the scoring and placement can be found on:

<http://www2.hawaii.edu/~kcctest/accuplacer-scores.html>

The test is untimed but please allow for 2 hours to take the test. Students will need to formulate their thoughts, produce their essay, proofread, then edit.

What about MATH?

Much like the Compass Test, students can select from one of three starting points - Arithmetic; Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS); and Advanced Algebra and Function.

There will be 20 questions in EACH section, and students MUST complete all 20 questions. There is a chance students may have more than 20. For instance, if they start at Arithmetic and do very well, the test will bump them up to QAS and would need to complete all 20 questions in that section. Calculators are NOT allowed but there will be an Accuplacer calculator on SELECT questions (not all).

Details on what is cover in each section can be found on:

<http://www2.hawaii.edu/~kcctest/accuplacer-mathcontent.html>

The test is untimed but again, please allow for about 2 hours to take the test.

Managing their time

As you can see, Accuplacer may take longer than the Compass, therefore it is STRONGLY encouraged that students take each subject ON A DIFFERENT DAY.

This especially goes for the non-English speaking students. The ESL Reading is a reading comprehension test that is also untimed. The length of time would depend on their level of comprehension. So to take ESL Reading + the KCC writing sample + MATH would probably take about 4 hours, which in my opinion is too long for one session. Again, breaking up into 3 days would be ideal.

Preparing for Accuplacer

There are many tools available.

- <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~kcctest/accuplacer-resources.html>
- <https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-study-app-flyer.pdf>

The Accuplacer Study App is actually pretty good, and it is FREE.

That is it for now. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE have all your seniors take the Accuplacer as soon as possible since it will take a lot longer than the Compass. Also, the WritePlacer results may NOT be available after the test. Example, since my writing was SO bad, I had to wait about a day to get my results from College Board. The results wasn't sent directly to me therefore I had to visit the Testing Center to retrieve my results.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. But if your question is "What did you score?", be ready to wait for A LONG TIME for an answer.

Take care everyone. Now my brain needs to rest.

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