

Frequently Asked Questions About the New Online Testing (Fall)

What tests will be offered online in 2008?

All CTP 4 tests will be offered online and on paper for the fall administration. There will also be a pilot administration of the new online science tests.

Will my school get CTP 4 results right away?

Yes. Your school will receive the following information **as soon as your testing is complete**.

- Student Scale Scores*
- Independent Norms*
- National Norms*
- Stanines*
- Suburban Norms*

* These scores will be provisional until after the studies have been completed.
Note: National Norms will be available for all levels in this study except Levels 1 and 2.

Why are some CTP 4 scores provisional?

Because this is the first fall administration of the online CTP 4 tests, ETS is conducting a comparability study to ensure online and paper test scores are equivalent. Online scores will become official once the study is complete and comparability is established.

What CTP 4 reports will I receive?

In addition to the scores and norms listed above, schools will receive the paper Item Analysis report and the Individual Instructional Summary report once the comparability study is complete.

Reports for Basic Scoring	Immediate Results	Future Results – February 2008
Class Roster	X	X – online
Item Analysis		X – paper version
Individual Instructional Summary		X – paper version

Can our school use the CTP 4 results as we have in the past?

Scores at the student level can be used for diagnostic purposes to identify students’ instructional needs as you have done in the past. This information now will be available **immediately** for those schools using the online format.

The percent correct comparisons, which will be sent after the study is complete, will be based on the population participating in the study.

Can we administer a combination of paper and online tests?

Yes. If you choose this option, you will only be charged paper-and-pencil scoring prices listed in the ERB 2008-2009 Catalog. However, you will not be eligible for the fall incentive.

How much time will it take to administer the online version?

The initial online version (2008) will require an additional 15-20 minutes for each test you select to include linking test items. Ultimately, however, the online adaptive version (2009) will be shorter than the current paper version.

Can our school administer the new CTP 4 online tests to nonstandard students?

No, not during this initial fall online administration.

Will constructed response questions be available online?

No, they will not be available online.

Can we participate in the Science Pilot only?

Yes, at no charge.

What reports will I receive from the Science Pilot?

You will receive an instant online roster with student responses mapped to the science content strands. This test does not have previous data on which other comparisons can be based.

What are the technical requirements to test online?

Microsoft Windows 98, NT, 2000, 2003, XP and Vista; Internet Explorer 5.1 and higher or Mac OS X 10.4/Safari 2 or higher, Internet Explorer (Mac), Firefox

What kind of support will ERB provide to participating schools?

ERB will offer **free** informational seminars for participating schools **before and after** the online administration. The purpose of these seminars will be to answer any questions schools may have and to advise teachers on how to interpret and use the results to inform their instruction.

What will it cost to participate?

The first 500 students registering per level this fall will receive free scoring and a \$10 per pupil incentive for the paper-and-pencil as well as the online administrations. To be eligible for this incentive, all of the subtests must be taken by each student, and half the students in each class tested must take the CTP 4 online and half must take the paper-and-pencil test.

After the first 500 students per level have registered, the cost will be \$7 per pupil, if all tests are taken online. This means you can save up to 20 percent off the catalog price for basic paper-and-pencil scoring.

I have additional questions. Who do I contact?

You can contact ETS via e-mail at ctp4online@ets.org.

