

ACCUPLACER Diagnostic Explanation and Parent Letter

In 2013, the Indiana lawmakers passed HEA 1005 requiring public school students who meet certain criteria (based on PSAT, SAT, ACT, ECA scores) to take a College and Career Readiness exam. Lawmakers chose the ACCUPLACER Diagnostic exam to meet this requirement. Bluffton High School students who met the criteria outlined in the law took this exam in February of 2014; the results of which students are now receiving. For information on HEA 1005 and criteria used for assessment identification, please see <http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/ccr> .

Results of the ACCUPLACER Diagnostic exam show student performance in Reading, Writing, and Math skills as they relate to being “College and Career Ready”. Page one of the results provided to students indicates the amount of time taken on the assessment. Page two indicates the student’s performance on the Reading and Writing portion of the exam, while page three indicates the student’s performance on the Math portion of the exam. Some students only needed to take one portion of the assessment based on the above criteria. Those students will only have one page of test results.

Results are visually represented by the name and brief description of the domain, or kind of questions students answered, followed by the student performance along a scale ranging from “Needs Improvement” to “Limited Proficiency” to “Proficient”. A review of the student’s results by domain will help indicate areas in which further remediation or assistance may be necessary to increase his or her College and Career Readiness.

Schools are given the liberty and flexibility in how remediation is accomplished for students who may require additional help in certain academic areas. Results of the ACCUPLACER Diagnostic exam will further assist the school and student identify areas of education need, as well as work in helping student pass the End of Course Assessments (ECAs) in English 10 and Algebra I if they have not done so. Bluffton High School currently remediates all students who have yet to pass one or both of the ECA exams. Students who might have scored low on areas of the ACCUPLACER Diagnostic exam but have passed both ECAs will continue to take coursework and receive assistance in such areas on an ongoing basis. Communication between teachers, administrators, counselors, and students will continue to regularly take place to meet identified needs.

Students please take your results home and share with your parents. It is very important that they see how you did. If they have any questions, they may contact Mrs. Leas or Mr. Meyer.