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Hi Chris, got email from Dean M. w/your request. Hope the following helps.

In an effort to implement a new Math and English placement test, numerous tests were researched to find one comparable to COMPASS. COMPASS was used as Guam Community College's placement test for Math and English. ACT discontinued this test effective October 2016.

The criteria for selecting a test were:

1. Computerized and internet based
2. Capable of producing immediate results
3. Constructed for Math and English placement
4. Have an Essay component
5. Capable for administrator to adjust placement rules
6. Cost per unit
7. Procure units from vendor immediately

The tests available did not match all the criteria except for ACCUPLACER, a placement test developed by College Board. The concordance tables reviewed had similar "cut off" scores between COMPASS and ACCUPLACER. This comparability was also a factor in the selection. Many of the tests are "paper and pencil" and still numerous others were developed locally. These were not considered. The following tests were reviewed:

1. SAT (Used to stand for Scholastic Aptitude Test. Now it is a brand)
2. TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education)
3. ASSET

The SAT is only given on prescribed dates during the year. This will not be workable for GCC placement.

The ASSET Test is primarily a diagnostic tool rather than placement. It measure readiness for English and Math. The attached email from ACT attests to this.

The TABE Test, a product of Data Recognition Corporation, also measures readiness and not used for placement.

At this time ACCUPLACER was considered to be the best match.



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