

Placement Tests

Switched-On Online (SOO) Placement Tests help establish a correlation between the student's knowledge and the knowledge required for successful completion of each level of the SOO content. The tests are primarily knowledge and comprehension questions (facts in evidence, vocabulary, and computation) based on SOO content base. The purpose of these tests is to help you identify the most appropriate starting point (placement) for a student. Placement test data assists in determining how "comfortable" a student will be working at a given level (i.e. 3-12) in SOO. Placement tests merely indicate where the student should be placed in the SOO curriculum.

Placement tests are available for Math, Science, Language Arts, and History and cover grades 3 through 12. Each test level corresponds to a grade level and each quiz in a grade level corresponds to one unit in the course at that level.

How placement testing works: Students should start the placement test *two grade levels below his or her current grade level*. We call this the "Test Entry Level". Once the specific placement test course is assigned, you can skip grade levels between the first unit test (grade level 3) and the "Test Entry Level". To do this:

1. Click the **Students** button.
2. Click the **Grading** link next to the student's name
3. Click the **Course**.
4. On the list of **Unit Titles**, click the **x** in the **Skip Unit** column (far right-hand side) until you reach the "Test Entry Level".

Interpreting the results: We consider 70% or higher as a successful test score. SOO suggests you have the student continue testing until he or she scores below 70% on three consecutive units. The student should continue to test until scoring below 70% on three consecutive units. Our recommendation is the first of the three units should be the point where the student be placed in the SOO curriculum. Placement is ultimately up to the discretion of the teacher and school policy.

If a student continues to test successfully, even beyond the expected grade level, the teacher may place the student at whatever appropriate grade level and unit is in accordance with the school's placement policy.

NOTE: The Placement Tests do not work in CRx mode. If you activate CRx mode for the Placement Tests, the student get the following message: *"Please inform your teacher that CRx mode cannot be used for this course."*

Additionally, the placement tests are technically classified as quizzes, so use the **Block Quizzes** option with the placement tests to block tests.

Displaying Test Results

The results of the Placement Testing (or Skills Diagnostics) can be shown on the screen or output to a printer or spreadsheet application.

To view the results on the screen:

1. Click the **Students** button.
2. Click the **Grading** link next to the student's name
3. Click the **Course**, and then the **Unit**, to review the scores

To output the results to a print or spreadsheet application:

1. Click the **Report** button.
2. Select **Student Grades** in the **Report Type** menu.
3. Click the button beside **Detailed Report**.
4. Enter the **start** and **end dates**.
5. Select the **course** (placement test).
6. Choose the **student** whose results you want to see.
7. Click the button beside **pdf**.