readistep™

An 8th-grade assessment program to put students on an early path to college success.

What Is ReadiStep?

ReadiStep™ is a flexible, low-stakes, low-cost eighth-grade assessment that provides early feedback — and helps put students on an early path to college success. Developed by the trusted education experts at the College Board, ReadiStep helps identify the skills students need to develop, and it identifies students who are ready for more challenging course work.

ReadiStep is the first step on the College Readiness Pathway, an integrated assessment system that includes the PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT®. Designed to work together, the three feedback tools help educators identify and close achievement gaps from middle school through high school to help all students graduate ready for the rigors of college.

What Does It Measure?

ReadiStep measures the skills and knowledge students need to be on track to be college ready by the time they enter high school. The assessment is vertically aligned with the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, and measures the same skills through the same format and question types in three basic academic areas:

CRITICAL READING

Focuses on students' ability to read critically, think logically and evaluate ideas presented in a text. The assessment includes sentence completion and passage-based reading question types.

WRITING SKILLS

Presents sentences and paragraphs that contain the kinds of errors students must look for and learn to correct in their own writing. It includes improving sentences, identifying sentence errors and improving paragraphs question types.

MATHEMATICS

Assesses how well students can apply the mathematics they know to solve both routine and nonroutine problems. Questions on the test cover four math concepts: number and operations (35%), algebra (25%), geometry and measurement (25%), and data, statistics and probability (15%).

How Can Students, Parents and Educators Benefit from Results?

EARLY FEEDBACK

ReadiStep provides a view of students' progress toward college readiness while there is still time to make necessary adjustments and target academic areas that may need attention.

SKILLS IDENTIFICATION TO INFORM INSTRUCTION

Through the use of score reports and ReadiStep Skills Insight™, teachers can identify areas in which students excel, as well as areas in which students require further development — and can develop specific classroom or small-group instruction to more closely address the areas that need improvement.

COURSE SELECTION

Help inform course choices by identifying students who are prepared to be challenged by a rigorous high school program, as well as those who may need more preparation in specific areas.

CURRICULUM

ReadiStep helps you pinpoint areas in need of curriculum modification, and pacing guides for future school terms. Because the ReadiStep assessment is based on the College Board Standards for College Success™ (CBSCS), teachers and administrators can use the standards and ReadiStep Skills Insight to focus on curricular areas that will increase college readiness.

COLLEGE-GOING CULTURE

Promote a college-going culture by administering the assessment to all students, and use results to help students realize that college is within their reach.

Developed and Supported by One of the Most Experienced Names in Education

Developed by College Board professionals in partnership with middle school teachers and other education experts.

Supported by online workshops, tools and resources to ensure successful implementation and application of results.

ASSESSMENT FORMAT

- Total testing time: 2 hours
- Three multiple-choice sections:
  - **Critical Reading** — 40 minutes, 45 questions
  - **Writing Skills** — 40 minutes, 50 questions
  - **Mathematics** — 40 minutes, 36 questions
    - 20 minutes (18 questions) with calculator
    - 20 minutes (18 questions) without calculator
- No essays or student-produced response questions
- Paper and pencil

SCORING

- Scores on a 2- to 8-point scale per section (in 0.2 increments)
- Uses rights-only scoring, which encourages students to attempt all questions

PROGRAM FEATURES

- **Bulk Registration:** Option available
- **Reports:** Student, classroom, school, district, student data on disc (district)
- **Skills Feedback:** ReadiStep Skills Insight

FLEXIBLE ADMINISTRATION

- Fall or spring administration options
- Multiple-week testing windows
- In-school, school-day testing
- Can be given all at once or over the course of three class periods

ADMINISTRATION DATES

- Fall: Oct. 4–Nov. 12, 2010
- Spring: Feb. 14–May 20, 2011*

  **Tentative dates for spring 2011*

FEES

- $8 per test
- Discounts available

To learn more or to order ReadiStep, visit **www.readistep.com** or call 877-79-READI.

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SPECIAL OFFER:

Free CollegeEd® Lesson

Each school that administers ReadiStep during the 2010-11 school year will receive a FREE LESSON from CollegeEd®, the College Board's college planning and career exploration program for middle and high school students.

For more information about this offer, please visit **www.readistep.com/lesson**.

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