

Pilot Prompt Scoring Services in My Access!

Among the prompts that may be assigned to students in My Access! are prompts identified as “pilots.” These are typically new prompts that are included in My Access! but have not yet been “modeled” for automatic scoring. Once a sufficient number of student responses to a pilot prompt have been collected by the Vantage Scoring Center, IntelliMetric™ will be trained to automatically score all new student responses. At that time, the prompt will evolve from “pilot” status to IntelliMetric™ scoring. Teachers have two scoring options to choose from when using Pilot Prompts.

I. Approximator™

Teachers may choose the option to have Approximator™ provide estimated scores for pilot essays. This scoring engine can immediately provide approximate holistic scores for pilot prompts, although students will not receive domain scores or detailed feedback.

II. Human Scores

Alternatively, teachers may choose to have the pilot essays scored by experts in the Vantage Scoring Center at no additional cost. The procedure below defines the process for having pilot prompts scored within 7-21 school days.

Step One: Contact the Vantage Learning Scoring Center

All pilot prompt scoring is performed by appointment with the Vantage Scoring Center. Inform the Scoring Center which pilot prompt will be assigned, when it will be assigned, how many students will be participating in the writing session, and when the writing session will be concluded. This information will allow the Scoring Center to assign scorers to review the students’ responses and to set a timeline for completion of the scoring project.

Step Two: Assign the prompt to the students

Assign the prompt to the student portfolios in My Access. Please note, when assigning a pilot prompt, the default scoring scale will be a six-point scale; using a four-point scale will not be an option. Since pilot prompts will one day be modeled for automatic IntelliMetric™ scoring, they must be scored using a finer scale in the pilot stage; this will insure, among other things, improved automatic scoring in the future. Be sure to set the dates for your assignment to remain active during the entire scoring process. Students may draft and redraft the essay as many times as needed, but only the final draft will be scored in the Vantage Scoring Center. Students must click on “Final Submit” to send the essay for scoring. A “Blue Clock” will appear in the student portfolio indicating that the essay is awaiting human scoring.

Step Three: Receive Scores through My Access!

After a student has made a final essay submission, the response will automatically be forwarded to the Scoring Center for review. Because student responses will be scored by expert human scorers, only the latest/final student submission will be scored. After the response is scored, the scores, along with feedback, will automatically be posted to the student’s portfolio. Students should expect to receive a score within 7-21 school days, as

long as a schedule has been pre-arranged. However, the timing of feedback could be delayed depending on the volume of responses received.

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