

Developing Custom Prompts with IntelliMetric™ Scoring

The Vantage Learning Scoring Center can create custom writing prompts that utilize IntelliMetric™ scoring for schools or districts. The procedure is outlined below.

Step One: Submit Prompt Text

The user must complete and submit the Writing Prompt Submission Form to the Scoring Center. The prompt may be modified by Vantage as necessary. In some cases, the Scoring Center will not approve a prompt for use in MY Access!, even with revisions. Once approved, the prompt will be available for assignment in My Access! as a Vantage Pilot Prompt. The prompt must conform to the following general standards in addition to more unique guidelines particular to the nature of the prompt:

- ✓ It must be scored on a 6-point holistic scale and be capable of generating a 300-600-word essay.
- ✓ It must be unambiguous and comply with the rules of grammar, usage, and spelling.
- ✓ It must be interesting to students as a universal experience and not be offensive to any group.
- ✓ It must be an original piece of work and not violate any copyrights
- ✓ It must not duplicate or overlap too largely with any prompt already used in MY Access!

Step Two: Arrange a Scoring Timeline

Inform the Scoring Center when the prompt will be assigned to the students, how long the students will be writing, how many responses will be generated, and if it is required that the final essay scores be returned to the students. The Scoring Center will consider these needs and confirm an acceptable timeline for the project.

Step Three: Collect the Student Essays

The Scoring Center generally must collect 400 essays in order to train the IntelliMetric™ intelligent scoring system to automatically score student responses. Moreover, the essays collected must be normally distributed across all of the score points, with at least 25 essays scored at each holistic level from “1” through “6.” If, after the submitted responses are scored, there is an insufficient number of essays overall or at a particular score point, the school or district must agree to provide the additional essays to fill the gaps.

Step Four: Submit the Essays for Scoring

The completed student responses must be provided electronically. Typically, students will respond to a custom prompt directly through MY Access!. If this is not an option, student responses can be submitted in another electronic file format that has been pre-approved, such as through Microsoft Word.

For now, this service is typically provided at no cost with the agreement that the final modeled prompt will be made available to all users of My Access! without restriction, the

timelines are acceptable to Vantage and the district/school/group, and that a commitment to gathering the sufficient number of essays is made by the district/school/group. Please contact the scoring center directly with any questions.

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