ESL Pilot Composite Scoring

The following is a pilot placement project at ELCI and may be altered after the initial pilot period.

As always, students' placement will depend on a combination of listening, reading, and language use, all from from the ESL Accuplacer, plus the ESL essay and ESL interview. Levels/subscores of vocabulary and fluency from the interview/essay will also be factored into placement.

This method corresponds with Accuplacer's recommendation for multiple measures placement.

Why Use Multiple Factors?

When placement decisions are made using multiple factors along with ACCUPLACER placement test results, institutions often get a more meaningful, reliable, and valid placement recommendation. Counselors and colleges gain a more complete picture—one that supports necessary intervention and includes recommendations for support in areas such as organizational skills or family outreach.

https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/multiple-factors

For pilot students, below represents approximate composite scores for the ESL/INE levels, but placement within the levels may vary from strand to strand. For this reason, the individual scores, as well as subject expert recommendations, are calculated and combined into an ESL PLACER CODE that gives the specific placement into courses for students.

Composite Score Levels

Above 862 = Level 6 ENG 101 (ESL 105/COM 101 recommended)

796-862 = Level 5 ESL Level 3 (academic support)

695-795 = Level 4 ESL Level 2

580-694 = Level 3 ESL Level 1

445-579 = Level 2 INE Level 2

445 and below = Level 1 INE Level 1