



Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) Assessment vs Basic Skills Exemption Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I have to take the TABE Assessment?

The Florida Department of Education requires that all students enrolled in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program meet basic skills requirements for program exit.

What programs require the TABE assessment?

CTE programs that are 450 hours or more must have valid TABE scores on file prior to enrollment.

Will my TABE scores keep me from entering my desired CTE program?

No, TABE assessment scores cannot prohibit a student from entering their desired CTE program.

Are there exemptions from taking the TABE assessment?

Yes, the following criteria **may** exempt a student from meeting the TABE assessment requirements:

1. Any student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school and earned a Florida standard high school diploma with a graduation date of 2007 or after.
2. Any student serving as an active duty member of any branch of the United States Armed services.
3. If you have taken the following exams within 2 years prior to starting your desired CTE program:
Specific scores apply per exam.
 - ACT
 - FCAT
 - SAT
 - 2014 series GED
 - P.E.R.T
 - Accuplacer
4. Any student who has earned an accepted, accredited college/university degree

If a student believes they may meet a basic skills exemption, they must present an official document or transcript to an FCTC Student Advisor for approval

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