

Classroom Activity Administration and Guidelines

The classroom activity gives students exposure to the context before doing the performance task. This ensures the information collected in the performance task will more accurately reflect student knowledge of the content area rather than the context (e.g., kayaking).

The classroom activity is truly a classroom-wide activity. For example, the classroom activity may consist of a group discussion about a particular stimulus, such as a chart or photo. Students may take notes during this time, but the notes must be collected before proceeding to Part 1 of the performance task and stored in a secure location until securely shredded.

Please read the following information carefully to prepare for administering the classroom activity:

- The classroom activity involves interactions between the teacher and students. (The performance task that follows will be completed by individual students in the computer-based test delivery system.)
- The classroom activity should be administered as close as possible to the performance task administration but can be on different days.
- Classroom activities are designed to fit into 30 minute windows.
- Classroom activities will be done in a classroom, or in any area deemed appropriate. Determine an appropriate space for completing the activity. Decide how to display information that students will need to see, where to record student responses, and any other logistic details.
- Classroom activities may require either hard copy printouts or projection of materials.
- The SC will download and deliver the assigned classroom activity at least one or two days before the planned delivery of your classroom activity and performance task.
- Consider the appropriate accommodations that should be provided to students in the class that would normally be provided during instruction. Provide these accommodations during the classroom activity.
- Any tables, graphics, formulas, or other information contained in the materials for the classroom activity may be displayed for students.

The PT and the computer administered (non-PT) items are two unique test events. Follow the *Login Script* to log the students into both the PT and the computer administered (non-PT) items.

REMINDER:

The classroom activity must be completed prior to the online administration of the performance task. During the online administration of the performance task, students work individually and may read sources, engage in answering research items delivered via the Student Interface, and then write an essay, article, or report.

RECOMMENDATION:

There should be no more than a three-days lapse between the classroom activity and the performance task administration that follows.