

Purchasing Survey Equipment

CAPP and PREP providers use tablets for CAPP pre/post surveys and PREP entrance/exit surveys. In this document, we share ACT for Youth recommendations for purchasing tablets, bags for transporting the tablets, and additional equipment you may want to consider.

Tablets

How many should I purchase? We recommend that providers purchase enough tablets so that they have one for every participant in their average cycle. (It seems that about 30 tablets would work for most.) The educator brings the tablets to the first and last session of each cycle, and each participant uses one to complete the survey all at the same time. If a provider has multiple cycles starting/ending at the same time, or if they implement in sites that are very far apart, they might want to consider purchasing additional sets.

What type of tablet should I buy? We have piloted **Kindle Fires** successfully. These are relatively inexpensive (\$50 each in 2017), reliable, and small tablets that work well for administering the surveys. ACT for Youth can provide support in using Kindle Fire tablets (for example, setting up the tablet, minimizing access to other apps, or setting parental controls), but not for other tablets. If a provider prefers to use another tablet, they must be able to install the Qualtrics Offline Survey app on the device. Whatever tablet is purchased, ACT for Youth can provide support regarding use of the Qualtrics Offline Survey app (such as logging in, navigating the app, and using it to administer the surveys).

Bags for Transporting Tablets

The **Samsonite Luggage MVS Spinner Backpack** has worked well for transporting the tablets. It is a wheeled backpack with a telescoping handle. See product description on Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B007I7GDE0/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o04_s01?ie=UTF8&psc=1

There are a couple of advantages to this bag. First, an educator can carry most of the materials needed for program implementation in one bag. The bag can easily hold the curriculum, cards, markers, pens, etc. in addition to the tablets. (Very large things, like flipchart paper, will not fit.) We recommend that educators keep this bag near them whenever they are on site. It also looks much like a backpack, so there is nothing overt to indicate it has tablets inside.

Additional Equipment

Luggage locks. For piloting, we also purchased a couple of luggage locks to go with this bag. You can feed this through the holes at the end of zippers (and no one can unzip the bag) as a security measure. We purchased combination locks so there is no key to lose and more than one educator can have the code. Here is one example: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000W084Z2/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o04_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

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Bubble wrap. We also purchased bubble wrap envelopes to protect the individual tablets when they are in the bag. For example:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01AS1NECG/ref=oh_aui_search_detailpage?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Charging station. You may also wish to purchase a charging station to charge multiple tablets at once. For example:

https://www.amazon.com/RAVPower-Charger-Desktop-Charging-Technology/dp/B00OQ19QYA/ref=sr_1_4?ie=UTF8&qid=1484320242&sr=8-4&keywords=usb+power+strip

Label maker. Finally, we recommend labeling each of the tablets with a unique number. (We used a label maker and printed labels.) Not only will this help you keep the tablets organized, but this can be used as the participant ID number for each youth completing a CAPP component 1 or component 2 pre/post survey. (Participant ID numbers must be used instead of names to ensure anonymity.)