



Online Exam Tool Comparison

Remote Proctor RPNow

Remote Proctor (RPNow) is an online exam proctoring technology that enables online and distance learning students to take proctored exams from the comfort and convenience of their own home or office. RPNow is **best used for high-stake exams** (quizzes and tests that are a significant portion of a student's grade). RPNow provides student verification, environmental check, and a **proctor review of recorded video**.

By using RPNow, instructors can be certain that the intended student is taking their exam and is not receiving help or using forbidden material (textbooks, notes, cellphones). However, should the instructor wish to enable certain websites, tools, or application, the instructor can create customized profiles for each exam. By having a proctor review the recorded video, the instructor does not have to review the video him/herself.

















A report is generated that will provide timestamps and rules violation descriptions should any suspicious behavior be noted. The instructor can review that information and determine if the violation is a punishable offense. RPNow allows instructors to have the security of an in-class exam from students' remote locations. This helps to ensure academic integrity in online courses. It is highly recommended that students be provided with a practice test to troubleshoot any issues with using RPNow and walk through the setup before taking a real exam.

Respondus LockDown Browser

LockDown Browser is a custom browser that locks down the testing environment within a learning management system. LockDown Browser is **best used for low-stake exams** (quizzes and tests that are a low percentage of a student's grades), Respondus LockDown Browser disables students' desktop applications and Internet search capabilities. This keeps students from printing their exams, taking screenshots, chatting, looking up answers on the Internet, or pulling up applications such as Word or Excel that may contain notes or information for the exam.

Unlike RPNow, **there is no proctor** when using Respondus LockDown Browser, so there is no way to ensure students do not have their cell phone, tablet, or other instructional material available to them. This is best used for exams that are meant to reinforce concepts or assess student retention of information. Weekly quizzes are an ideal use for Respondus LockDown Browser. It is highly recommended that students be provided with a practice test to troubleshoot any issues with using the Respondus LockDown Browser and walk through the set up before taking a real exam.

Which Software is Right for You?

	RPNOW	Respondus LockDown Browser
Proctor A person watches the student take the exam		
Student ID Verification A student must provide an ID and a live photo		
Desktop App Access this app directly from Windows/MacOS		
Disable Applications Students cannot open other applications while taking the exam		
Customization Instructors can specify which applications or programs the students can use (i.e. calculator)		
Blackboard Integration Software communicates with Blackboard and uses Bb exams		
Video Recording A video of the student taking the exam is recorded using both microphone and webcam		
Report A report is provided identifying if the student violated any rules		
Publisher Materials Can be enabled to work with publisher exam and publisher websites	