



# Placement Testing Guidelines

**Student Assessment:** Williston State College is committed to assisting students in reaching their academic goals. To enhance our students' chances of success, it is important for students to be enrolled in appropriate level courses. Therefore, Williston State College requires placement testing for proper placement in English and Math courses.

**Pre-enrollment Student Assessment:** Degree seeking students are required to submit placement scores for admission purposes. This is consistent with NDUS Procedure 402.1.2.

**Early Entry Students:** Early Entry students who have not taken the ACT or SAT test are required to take the EdReady and/or Accuplacer tests for appropriate placement into college level Math and English courses.

**Non-Degree Students:** Non-Degree seeking students will be required to submit proper placement scores in order to enroll in college level Math and English courses.

**Transfer Students:** Transfer applicants that have Math and English successfully transfer in will not be required to submit ACT, SAT or placement scores.

**International and Canadian Students:** Students from a foreign country including Canada are required to submit ACT, SAT or placement scores. Placement scores would consist of WSC's EdReady and Accuplacer tests.

**Students 25 Years or Older:** Students age 25 or older on the first day of class are not required to have ACT or SAT test scores for admission. However, for admission purposes, degree seeking students age 25 are required to take the EdReady or Accuplacer test series.

**ACT Assessment:** Students must register directly with ACT for specific test dates and test sites. Scores should be sent directly to the Enrollment Services office at WSC. Students may register online using the ACT website: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

**SAT Assessment:** Students must register directly with CollegeBoard for specific test dates and test sites. Scores should be sent directly to the Enrollment Services office at WSC. Students may register online using the CollegeBoard website: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

**EdReady and Accuplacer Assessment:** Students will be allowed to complete tests on designated testing days. Other testing options can be discussed with the Enrollment Services office. Students must fill out and submit the online application for WSC before setting up a testing appointment. Fee for placement exams is \$10 per tested area. Test fees must be paid at the time of the exam and a receipt must be presented to the test administrator.

**Retest Policy:** Students who do not believe their ACT or SAT scores accurately reflect their ability can take the EdReady or Accuplacer tests.

**References:** SBHE Policy 402.1.2; NDUS Procedure 402.1.2

Suggested Course	Test	Test Component	Minimum Score
College Composition I (ENGL 110)	Accuplacer (Classic)***	WritePlacer	5
	Accuplacer (Next Generation)	Writing	256
	ACT	English Subtest	18
	ACT Aspire	English Subtest	426+
	COMPASS****	Writing Skills	77
	EdReady (NROC)	English Placement	TBD
	Pearson (CLEM, CREAM, & Others)	English	70%
	SAT(Old)**	Writing Subtest	430+
	SAT(New)	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480+
	Smarter Balanced	Grade 11/12 English Language Arts (ELA)	3+

*\*Scores falling below these marks require students to take College Writing Prep (ASC 087)*

*\*\* SAT (old) tests taken prior to March 5, 2016*

*\*\*\* The Accuplacer Classic will no longer be available after January 28, 2019*

*\*\*\*\* Not accepting COMPASS after December 2019*

Suggested Course	Test	Test Component	Minimum Score
College Algebra (MATH 103) Trigonometry (MATH 105) Precalculus (MATH 107) Elementary Statistics (MATH 210)	Accuplacer (Classic)***	Elementary Algebra	76
	Accuplacer (Next Generation)	Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics	255
	ACT	Math Subtest	21
	ACT Aspire	Math Subtest	431
	ALEKS	Mathematics PPL	46
	COMPASS****	Pre-Algebra	49-100
	COMPASS****	College Algebra	0-59
	EdReady (NROC)	Mathematic Placement	75
	MAA Maplesoft	Algebra	12
	Pearson (CLEM, CREAM, & Others)	Math	70%
	SAT (Old)**	Reading+Math	990
	SAT (New)	Math	530
	Smarter Balanced	Grade 11/12 Mathematics	3
<b>*Students falling below these marks require students to take Algebra Prep III (ASC 093)</b>			
Calculus I (MATH 165) Applied Calculus (MATH 146)	Accuplacer (Classic)***	College Level Math	86-99
	Accuplacer (Next Generation)	Advanced Algebra Functions	237
	ACT	Math Subtest	24-36
	COMPASS****	College Algebra	63-100
	SAT (Old)**	Reading+Math	1100+
	SAT (New)	Math	530

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**Note:** Applied Calculus or Math for Elementary Teachers may be a requirement for some majors. Applied Calculus does not require Trigonometry. Trigonometry is a prerequisite for Calculus 165.