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# DO I NEED TO TAKE PLACEMENT TESTS?

*Maybe.*

New students need to find out where to start with both English and math classes.

One way to do that is to take the placement tests at Seattle Central  
in the Testing Office.

But there are other options too.

Check the list to see if you can use other tests or work you've already done!

High School  
Transcripts

Advanced Placement

TOEFL

IELTS

SAT

International  
Baccalaureate

ACT

GED

SBAC

<b>SAT</b>	ENGLISH: DOES NOT EXPIRE  MATH: 3 YEARS OLD OR LESS	English: Evidence-Based Reading & Writing <b>510+</b>  Math: <b>550+</b>  <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> (college code: 4033)	English 101  Math 102, 103, 107
<b>ACT</b>	ENGLISH: DOES NOT EXPIRE  MATH: 3 YEARS OLD OR LESS	English: <b>both English and Writing scores 19+</b>  Math: <b>22+</b> <b>22</b> = Math 102, 103, 107 <b>23</b> = Math 116, 141, 146 <b>24</b> = Math 116, 142 <b>25</b> = Math 151  <a href="http://www.act.org">http://www.act.org</a> (college code 4475)	English 101  Varies, see chart
<b>SBAC</b>	ANY US HIGH SCHOOL	English: score of 3 or 4  Math: ~ score of 3  ~ score of 4	English 101  Math 102, 103, 107  Math 141
<b>HS GPA</b>	ANY US HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, ANY YEAR	English: ~ Cumulative GPA of <b>2.5+</b> ~ Cumulative GPA of <b>2.0 – 2.499</b> <b>(Current high school students may submit transcripts after receiving grades for their first term of senior year, to meet enrollment deadlines.)</b>	English 101 English 099/101
<b>TOEFL (ibt)</b>	2 YEARS OLD OR LESS	English: ~ <b>Combined score of 64 – 71 and Writing 17+</b> ~ <b>Combined score of 72 – 73 and Writing 18+</b>  <a href="https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/scores/get/">https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/scores/get/</a>	English 099/101 English 101
<b>IELTS</b>	2 YEARS OLD OR LESS	English: ~ <b>Overall score 6.0 and Writing 5.5+</b> ~ <b>Overall score 6.0 and Writing 5.0 – 5.4</b>  <a href="https://www.ielts.org/en-us/book-a-test/getting-your-results">https://www.ielts.org/en-us/book-a-test/getting-your-results</a>	English 101 English 099/101
<b>GED</b>	2014 OR LATER	English: <b>165+</b> <b>145-164</b> Math: <b>145+</b>  <a href="https://ged.com/">https://ged.com/</a> <a href="https://www.gedtestingservice.com">https://www.gedtestingservice.com</a> (completed diplomas)	English 101 English 099/101 Math 087/091
<b>Other placement tests</b>	SCORES LESS THAN 1 YEAR OLD, TEST FROM A 2-YR COLLEGE IN WASHINGTON STATE ONLY	Score report must show <b>class placement you are qualified for:</b> Closest matching class at Seattle Central will be given for placement.	varies

If you have **Previous College Transcripts, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate**, these can often be used for transfer of college class credit and determine whether you need placement tests. Please submit transcripts / score reports to Admission for evaluation: <https://seattlecentral.edu/enrollment-and-funding/enrollment-and-admissions/registration/records-and-transcripts/incoming-transcript-evaluation> [FORM UPDATED 6/22/2020]