

Running Start College–Level Placement Options

College-level English OR math placement is required to participate in the Running Start program at North Seattle College. *Cost to take both the English and math assessment at North Seattle College is \$35.*

Option	Description	Required Placement Score or Grade
North Seattle College’s English Self-Directed Placement (DSP)	Self-reflection of student’s abilities to determine English class placement. Northseattle.edu/placement-classes	English& 101 Placement
ALEKS Math Placement Test (Math score valid 1 year)	Standardized test taken at Seattle Central College for placement into specific math courses. Northseattle.edu/placement-classes	Placement into any college-level math class 100-level and above.
Smarter Balanced (SBAC)	Standardized test taken at the high school in 11 th grade.	ELA - English Language Assessment: Level 3 or higher Math Assessment: Level 3 or higher w/ applicable grades on high school transcript
SAT English placement Limited math placement (English score valid 2 years, Math score valid 12 months)	Standardized exam taken at high school or other location.	English& 101 Placement: Combined Reading/Writing score 510 or higher Math: Minimum score 520 (Math& 107 only option based on SAT score)
ACT English or math placement (English score valid 2 years, Math score valid 12 months)	Standardized exam taken at high school or other location.	English& 101 Placement: Reading score 19 or above AND English score 19 or above Math: Minimum score 22
Unofficial Transcript from a college or university	Student was awarded credit at a college or university for college-level English (within past 2 years) or math (within past 12 months).	Provide copy of unofficial transcript to determine English and/or math placement.
Seattle Public Schools High School Transcript *Math Placement Only	A student who has taken specific math courses at a Seattle Public School may be qualified to use their transcript to place into college-level math.	Provide copy of Seattle Public Schools unofficial transcript to determine math placement. Placement varies based on course and grade (details here)
AP (Advanced Placement) or IB (International Baccalaureate) Exam Scores	A student who has taken AP/IB exams in specific subjects.	Provide a copy of AP/IB exam scores. Scores must be evaluated by Running Start office.

- *Students needing accommodations for North Seattle College placement testing should contact the Disability Services office prior to testing. Northseattle.edu/disability-services
- **Placement measures from other colleges** may be accepted. Please provide a copy of placement tool from other college for evaluation by Running Start advisor.

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