



Running Start English & Math Placement

WHAT IS PLACEMENT?

The goal of placement is to assess skills to ensure students can successfully engage with course content and have the best chances at passing the course. Many courses at Clark College have placement prerequisites for reading and mathematics ability. We have a variety of ways to assess skills — one method doesn't work for all!

WHAT IS COLLEGE LEVEL COURSEWORK?

The Running Start program provides funding for college level coursework.

College level coursework is any class that is 100 level or higher and will count towards college credit.

Pre-college level coursework is any class that is below 100 level, it does not count towards college credit, and it is not covered by Running Start funding and is the student's responsibility.

Students who do not place at college level: You are eligible to take other classes at Clark College that do not require college level placement as a prerequisite. Most classes do expect college level skills, so work with your Advisor and High School counselor to identify classes that will be beneficial and fit your eligibility.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT OPTIONS:

1. **High School cumulative GPA:** Current sophomores and juniors can self-place into English by submitting their current cumulative GPA. To self-place you will need to set up a [Clark Labs Account](#). The first time you log in, you will self-report your high school GPA. If you realize later that you have misreported your GPA, you will need to submit an official or unofficial transcript to make a change to what you reported initially. Your official or unofficial transcript can be sent to enroll@clark.edu with your name and [ctcLink ID](#).

Placement Based on Cumulative GPA with two full years of non-ESL English*

- **2.90 or higher:** You qualify for college level English 101
- **2.40 – 2.89:** You qualify for college level English 101+99, however additional tuition will apply, students will pay for 1 credit of not covered by Running Start. English 99 is below college level and must be taken with 101.
- If you are taking ELL coursework or will not have two full years of non-ESL/ELL coursework at the time you start at Clark, you must use another option to establish English placement. Your GPA cannot be used.

***Please note** that students who have transferred to a U.S. high school from another country must have at least two full years of non-ESL English coursework by the date their Clark courses begin to place by GPA.

2. **High School English: Placement based on three non-ESL English classes with grade of "C" or higher.**

Students who complete three non-ESL English classes with grade of "C" or higher will receive placement into ENGL99+101. English must be completed in Freshman year or beyond. Students can submit a copy of their official or unofficial transcript for placement.

3. **Smarter Balanced Testing (SBAC) taken at your high school** – English (ELA) Test

If you score level 3 or 4 on the SBAC ELA Test, you will qualify for college level English and the Running Start Program. Submit your score to enroll@clark.edu.

4. **Additional college level English Placement Options:**

- **Advanced Placement – AP Test Score** of 3 or higher in AP Language & Comp or AP Literature and Comp. Submit an official score for *credit* or an unofficial score to enroll@clark.edu for *placement*.
 - For more information on this process as well as how AP scores translate to credit at Clark College, please visit our [Advanced Placement webpage](#).
- **ACT** – English and Reading Placement scores (19 in both English and Reading)
- **SAT** – “Evidenced Based Reading and Writing” Scores (510 in “Evidenced Based Reading and Writing”)
- **ACCUPLACER Reading and Writing** - If you cannot use the options listed above for college level English placement and/or are homeschooled, you may take the ACCUPLACER Reading and Writing placement tests.
 - Book your Accuplacer assessment through the following webpage. Go to the “Additional Placement Options” dropdown to find the scheduling link:
 - <https://www.clark.edu/enroll/admissions/assessment/assessment-paths.php>
- **Other College transfer credits** - Submit your unofficial college transcripts for placement review or send your transcript directly to Clark College to receive transfer credits.
 - Official college transcripts may be sent electronically to Clark College via Parchment, the National Student Clearinghouse, or any vendor of your school’s choice. Transcripts attached from a student email are considered unofficial and CANNOT be used for credit evaluation.
 - If further information is needed, please have your institution use our enroll@clark.edu email, (preferred) or have your transcript sent by mail to: Clark College, Enrollment Services – GHL, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98663

MATH PLACEMENT OPTIONS:

Students have multiple ways of placing into Math classes at Clark College. Please email your placement documentation to enroll@clark.edu with your name and ctcLink ID.

1. **High School Transcripts - Math Crosswalks.**

If you took a qualifying high school math class and meet the requirement from a qualifying school district, you can use this measure for placement if you are currently enrolled in high school from the second semester of 10th grade or within one year of graduation. **This placement option expires one year from your graduation date.**

Math Readiness based on High School Transcript - Please refer to the high school [Math Crosswalk Chart](#) for your high school district to see your math placement options.

For Example:

- High school completion of Algebra 2 (grade “B” or better in 2nd semester) qualifies student for placement into *Level 60 math classes*: MATH 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 110 111, 122, and 146. **
- Other math classes, such as AP or IB courses, can also qualify you for math placement using your transcript. Please refer to the math crosswalk chart for more information. **

All placement ranges are subject to change without notice

MATH LEVELS	
MATH 092 - Level 10	MATH 103, 105, or 111 - Level 60
Math 090 - Level 20	Above and Math 148 - Level 70
Math 096 - Level 30	Math 140, 151 - Level 80
MATH 095 - Level 40	Math 152 – Level 90
MATH 107, 146 - Level 45	Math 153, 215 – Level 100
MATH 102, 104, 110, 122 - Level 50	Math 254, 221 – Level 110

2. Smarter Balanced Math (SBAC Testing) and completion of high school Algebra 2 OR Pre-Calculus. Math Readiness based on SBAC Scores and High School Transcript:

- Students who complete Algebra 2 with a "B" or better in their 2nd semester and receive a 3-4 on their SBA Math assessment are eligible for Level 45 math placement. **
- Students who complete Pre-calculus with a "B" or better in their 2nd semester and receive a 3-4 on their SBA math assessment are eligible for Level 60 math placement. **
- If you prefer, you can also take our [ALEKS assessment](#) as you may be able to place into a higher math course.

3. Advanced Placement Scores- AP Exams**

If you are currently in an Advanced Placement course at your high school, you may use AP Test Scores to qualify for math placement. Students must receive a 3 or better in AP Calculus AB/BC, AP Precalculus, or AP Statistics to receive *credit* for your AP scores.

- Official scores can be requested through the College Board and must be sent directly to Clark College to receive credit.
- **Unofficial score reports from College Board can be sent to enroll@clark.edu for review for English and math placement.**
- For more information on this process as well as how AP scores translate to credit at Clark College, please visit our [Advanced Placement webpage](#).

4. Other College transfer credits - Submit your unofficial college transcripts for placement review or send your transcript directly to Clark College to receive transfer credits.

- Official college transcripts may be sent electronically to Clark College via Parchment, the National Student Clearinghouse, or any vendor of your school's choice. Transcripts attached from a student email are considered unofficial and CANNOT be used for credit evaluation.
- If further information is needed, please have your institution use our enroll@clark.edu email, (preferred) or have your transcript sent by mail to: Clark College, Enrollment Services – GHL, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98663

****Note:** *Students who want to place higher in Math may take the ALEKS test.*

5. ALEKS Math Placement

Students without other math placement may take the ALEKS math placement test. A minimum score of **36** will qualify you for some college-level courses.

You may take the ALEKS math placement exam remotely. Instructions for setting up your ALEKS account can be found under "[How can I take ALEKS?](#)".

- The code to access Clark College's ALEKS class page: **KDFED-MNFEY**
- The password to begin the proctored assessment is **PENGUINS123#**

For students who do not have computer access or are more comfortable testing on campus:

- **Current students are able to borrow a computer from Clark College:** <https://www.clark.edu/its/documentation-and-resources/students/tech-request.php>.
- **Come and test in the Enrollment Services Assessment Center:**
 - Schedule an appointment by going to the following link and selecting the "Additional Placement Options" dropdown: <https://www.clark.edu/enroll/admissions/assessment/assessment-paths.php>

For students whose computer is not compatible with the Lockdown Browser and who are not able to schedule an appointment with us:

If you are unable to test with the Lockdown Browser, you will need to create an ALEKS account and take the practice test, then log in via the link and provide your practice test score to the math advisor: [Submit Practice ALEKS Scores \(clark.edu\)](#). The math advisor will review the information and provide placement.

Visit www.clark.edu/assessment for a full list of placement options at Clark College.

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Running Start procedures are subject to change, please check www.clark.edu/runningstart for the most up-to-date Enrollment Processes.

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