

Mandatory Assessment and Placement Chart 2019-2020

Reading Placement Scores			
Placement Test	SDV-112 Success Seminar and RDG-048* Basic Reading	SDV-112 Success Seminar or RDG-010* Reading I	No Course Required
ACCUPLACER (Next Gen. – Reading)	< 225	226-249	≥ 250
ACCUPLACER (Classic – Reading Comprehension)	< 43	44-65	≥ 66
ACT (Reading)	0-13	14-17	≥ 18
ASSET (Reading Skills)	< 35	35-39	≥ 40
COMPASS (Reading)	0-60	61-79	≥ 80
IA Assessment (Reading)			
Fall of Jr. Year	< 246	246-287	≥ 288
Midyear of Jr. Year	< 248	248-289	≥ 290
Spring of Jr. Year	< 250	250-292	≥ 293
SAT (Reading)			
March '16-Present (Evidence- Based Reading & Writing)	< 380	390-470	≥ 480
March '16-Present (Reading)	<19	19-23	≥24

Writing Placement Scores			
Placement Test	ENG-025* Basic Writing	ENG-101 Elements of Writing	ENG-105 Composition I
ACCUPLACER (WritePlacer)	0-2	3-4	≥ 5 OR 4 + ≥ 66 in ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension OR 4 + ≥ 250 Next Gen. Reading
ACCUPLACER (Next Gen. – Writing)	< 225	226-249	≥ 250
ACCUPLACER (Classic – Sentence Skills)	27-44	45-73	74-120
ACT (English)	0-13	14-17	18-36
ASSET (Writing Skills)	23-34	35-39	40-54
COMPASS (Writing)	0-37	38-64	65-100
IA Assessment (WrittenExpression)			
Fall of Jr. Year	< 243	243-290	> 290
Midyear of Jr. Year	< 245	245-292	> 292
Spring of Jr. Year	< 247	247-295	> 295
SAT (Writing)			
Score March '16-Present (Essay OR Writing + Language)	<19	20-23	≥ 24

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Math scores are good for 18 months from the start of the course you are placed in.

Math Placement Scores									
Placement Test	MAT-023* Mast. of Math I	MAT-026* Mast. of Math II	MAT-027* Mast. of Math III	MAT-028* Mast. of Math IV	MAT-029* Mast. of Math V	MAT-035* Mast. of Math VI	MAT-102 Intermediate Algebra MAT-111 Math for Liberal Arts MAT-117 Math for Elem. Teachers MAT-140 Finite Math MAT-157 Statistics	MAT-120 College Algebra MAT-127 College Algebra & Trig MAT-130 Trigonometry MAT-165 Business Calculus	MAT-180 Engineering Problems MAT-210 Calculus I
ALEKS	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-45	46-75	76-100
ACT/SAT							ACT 22 or above SAT 530 or above (MAT-111 or MAT-157 only)		

*denotes a developmental course that is non-transferable and does not count towards graduation.

F.A.Q.'s

In what subjects will I be assessed?

Students need to have scores from the three areas of writing, reading, and math. (We do not use science scores).

Who is exempt from presenting scores?

Any transfer student who successfully completed a college-level English or college-level math course (from a regionally accredited institution) should be exempt from that specific assessment. Students must verify completion with a transcript showing a 2.0 GPA or higher in that specific course.

Any person who holds an Associates of Arts, Science or Professional Studies, Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate degree (from a regionally accredited institution) should be exempt.

Industrial Tech students are exempt from presenting placements scores. (Ag transfer student need to present placement scores).

International students with a score of at least 450 – (Paper-based test), 133 – (Computer-based test), or 45 – (Internet-based test) on their TOEFL should be required to take ALEKS, ACCUPLACER or to present ACT, COMPASS, SAT, or Iowa Assessments scores.

However, those with less than 450, 133, or 45 should enroll in Basic Writing - ENG-025 and take the assessment at a later date.

Can I redo an assessment?

Placement scores normally do not change without extensive review and/or learning new concepts. For the ACCUPLACER assessments, one test out of each category is allowed per day. There is a \$10 retake fee per test: Next-Gen Reading or WritePlacer.

For the ALEKS assessment, a prep and learning module is created after the first assessment and students must spend time working in the module before they are allowed to attempt the assessment again. There is a \$20 fee for an additional set of 5 attempts. For specific details, please see the information on our website: <http://www.iowacentral.edu/ARC/testing.asp>

How can I study for these assessments and improve my scores?

The best way to prepare for these assessments is to take as much math and English in high school as possible, especially the last two years.

ACCUPLACER: Students can go to www.iowacentral.edu/writeplacerprep for study tips on the WritePlacer assessment. For additional ACCUPLACER practice, visit accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice (Use Snapchat /QR Reader to scan the code on the right for ACCUPLACER study tips).

ALEKS: Spending time in the ALEKS prep and learning module will help you review/learn new concepts and improve your mathematic skills. Copies of these tips/handouts are available in the Academic Resource Center.



What if I took an assessment several years ago?

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When and where do I take an assessment?

Proctored Assessments are available in the Academic Resource Center's Testing Center in Fort Dodge on a drop-in basis during the regular academic year at the following times: Monday - Thursday from 7:30am-4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm. Summer hours: Monday - Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm.

Testing is also available at Storm Lake (515-574-1071) and Webster City (515-832-1632), but you should call ahead to schedule an appointment.

Please allow at least 90 minutes to complete the assessment(s). Additional testing information can be found here:

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