



Mandatory Assessment And Placement Chart 2017-2018

Reading Placement Scores			
Placement Test	SDV-112 Success Seminar		No Course Required
	RDG-048* Basic Reading	RDG-010* Reading I	
ACCUPLACER (Reading Comprehension)	< 43	44-65	≥ 66
COMPASS (Reading)	0-60	61-79	≥ 80
ACT (Reading)	0-13	14-17	≥ 18
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
ASSET (Reading Skills)	< 35	35-39	≥ 40
SAT (Reading)	< 335	335-429	≥ 430

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
COMPASS (Writing)	0-37	38-64	65-100
ACT (English)	0-13	14-17	18-36
IA Assessment (Written Expression)			
Fall of Jr. Year	< 243	243-290	> 290
Midyear of Jr. Year	< 245	245-292	> 292
Spring of Jr. Year	< 247	247-295	> 295
ASSET (Writing Skills)	23-34	35-39	40-54
SAT (Writing)	200-334	335-429	430-800
ACCUPLACER (Sentence Skills)	27-44	45-73	74-120

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

Math Placement Scores					
Placement Test	MAT-045* Fundamentals of Math	MAT-063* Elementary Algebra	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-210 Calculus I
ALEKS	0-13	14-29	30-45	46-75	76-100

*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 with a 2.0 GPA in college level English or a 2.0 in college level math (from a regionally accredited institution) should be exempt from that specific assessment.

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: Reading Comprehension 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 ALEKS/ACCUPLACER Information handouts. You can obtain copies in the Academic Resource Center.

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/writeplacereprep 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 WritePlacer 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 (712-749-5179) 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).

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