



English and Math Placement for Running Start Students

WHAT IS PLACEMENT?

The goal of placement is to assess skills to ensure students are able to 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?

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:

Please email your GPA and/or placement documentation to enroll@clark.edu with your name and ctcLink ID.

1. **High School cumulative GPA:** Current sophomores and juniors can self-place into English by submitting their current cumulative GPA to enroll@clark.edu with their name and ctcLink ID.

2.90 or higher: You qualify for college level English 101.
2.4 – 2.89: You qualify for college level English 101+099, but additional tuition will apply. (English 099 is a 1-credit course not covered by Running Start.)

Note: **If your cumulative GPA is 2.39 or below**, you are still eligible to be in the Running Start program, however, your English placement is below college level. *Running Start will not pay for below college level English classes.* (See additional college level placement options below.)

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

Student may use their Smarter Balanced English-ELA Test taken no sooner than your sophomore year in high school. If you score level 3 or 4 on the SBAC ELA Test, you will qualify for college level English and the Running Start Program.

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

- **Advanced Placement – AP Test Score** (3 or higher on the English exam (Language & Composition *or* Literature & Composition))
- **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 - Next Generation Combined Reading and Writing Scores**

MATH PLACEMENT OPTIONS:

Students have multiple ways of placing into Math classes at Clark College. Please email your GPA and/or 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 graduation date.

- Please refer to the high school Math Crosswalk Chart for your high school to see your math placement options. The high schools listed on the Math Crosswalk Chart are eligible for placement into math classes at Clark College. [High School Transcripts \(clark.edu\)](https://www.clark.edu/high-school-transcripts)

Note: Students whose school is not listed, can submit high school transcript, with qualifying class and grades, and Smarter Balanced scores for review and possible placement as listed below.

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:

- **Option 1:** SBAC Math Test score Level 3 or 4 with high school completion of Algebra 2 (grade “B” or better) qualifies student for placement into MATH 107 and MATH 146.
- **Option 2:** SBAC Math Test score Level 3 or 4 with high school completion of Pre-Calculus (grade “B” or better) qualifies students for placement into MATH 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 110 111, 122, and 146.

Smarter Balanced Math Test scores from sophomore year and above may use along with current high school math to qualify.

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

3. ALEKS Math Placement

Students without other math placement may take the ALEKS math placement test. A minimum score of 36 will qualify you for college-level courses and the Running Start Program. Students can complete this test at either location. For placement times and location visit www.clark.edu/assessment.

4. Advanced Placement Scores – AP Calculus Exam

If you are currently in an Advanced Placement course at your high school, you may use AP Test Scores to qualify. If you score a 3 on the Calculus AB or Calculus BC exam, you will qualify for college level Math and the Running Start Program.

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

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