

PLACEMENT TEST EXEMPTION CRITERIA

Students: You may be exempt from taking a placement exam if you meet at least one of the following criteria:

- PASSED ENGLISH COMPOSITION** - If you have completed a credited/college-level English Composition course of 100 or higher with a grade of “C” or better from an accredited U.S. college or university, please submit an official or unofficial transcript to the [Office of Enrollment Services](#). Keep in mind that you may still need to take the math portion of the ACCUPLACER unless you are eligible for exemption.
- EARNED DEGREE** - If you have earned an associate’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university please submit an official transcript showing the degree conferred with date to the [Office of Enrollment Services](#). Keep in mind that you may still need to take the math portion of the ACCUPLACER unless you are eligible for exemption.
- ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) or INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) exams** - If you have AP or IB exams, please submit your official records to the [Office of Enrollment Services](#) for evaluation.
- APPROPRIATE STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES** - Students may be exempt by submitting official minimum qualifying SAT or ACT:

ACCUPLACER Sections	SAT			ACT
	New SAT (after 3/1/16)	Old SAT (before 3/1/16)	Reading Subset	
English	480+	500+	26+	21+ (Reading)
Reading	Evidence-Based Reading/Writing	Critical Reading		21+ (Reading)
Math	530+ Math	500+ Math	Not Applicable	21+

****NOTE:** Students with PARCC scores must see a counselor or academic advisor to process and analyze these scores.

- ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROGRAM: GRADE POINT AVERAGE (APPG)** - If you graduated from a Maryland public high school with an unweighted, cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, you may be exempt from testing in English/Reading and Math for up to a year after high school graduation. You may submit an official or unofficial transcript to the [Office of Enrollment Services](#). ESOL Classes are **not** included in GPA calculation.
- ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROGRAM: BY SUBJECT (APPE/APPM)** - MCPS students who have earned a “B” or better in their final semester of Honors English 12, AP Language/Composition, Modern World History (APPE) or Algebra II (APPM) may be exempt from testing in either English/Reading or Math for up a year after high school graduation. Student must submit a credit application to have the APPE/APPM placement sent by MCPS and uploaded to MC students’ records. This is an automatic process that takes up to two weeks after the student has been admitted to the College.
- GED** - If you have achieved a score of 165 or higher in the Reasoning Through Language Arts and/or Mathematical Reasoning modules of the GED, you are eligible to enroll in college-level English and mathematics courses at Montgomery College. Please submit an official score transcript to the [Office of Enrollment Services](#).

8. **ADDITIONAL STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES** - Students may be exempt from taking the English/Reading sections of the Next Generation ACCUPLACER, or the ACCUPLACER ESL by submitting official minimum qualifying scores for:

[Test of English as a Foreign Language](#) (TOEFL): **TOEFL 575+** (paper and pencil test) **TOEFL 90+** (internet-based test)

[International English Language Testing System](#) (IELTS): **IELTS 6.5+**

[Pearson Test of English Academic](#) (PTE): **PTE 61 or higher** (This does not replace, but is an addition to TOEFL and/or IELTS)

Students applying with these scores will still need to complete the math section of the ACCUPLACER to complete all assessment level requirements.

If you tested more than 5 years ago, it is strongly recommended that you take the appropriate college placement exam.

- **HOW DO I SUBMIT MY SCORES OR TRANSCRIPTS?**

There are two methods for submitting scores to Montgomery College:

1. Print a copy of your unofficial scores or transcripts under the supervision of an authorized MC employee from the [Welcome Center](#), [Office of Enrollment Services](#), or [Counseling and Advising Department](#).
2. Current MCPS students may also print a copy of unofficial scores under the supervision of an authorized MC employee from the MC [Dual Enrollment Office](#).
3. Submit your official scores to Montgomery College [Office of Enrollment Services](#) for evaluation before taking a placement exam. Here are Montgomery College CEEB codes that you may use for transcript requests: **5393** (Germantown), **5440** (Rockville) and **5414** (Takoma Park/Silver Spring)

- **TRANSFER ACCUPLACER SCORES**

Students who have taken the Next Generation ACCUPLACER at another institution within 2 years for English and reading and within 1 year for math may submit those scores by following the instructions on the [Placement Transfer Form](#).

Montgomery College does not charge fees for this service. However, other colleges and universities have fees associated with this service. Students should contact the receiving/sending institution in advance.

Montgomery College does not accept or transfer ACCUPLACER ESL scores.