

PLACEMENT TEST EXEMPTION CRITERIA

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

- GRADE POINT AVERAGE** - If you graduated from a public high school in Maryland with an unweighted, cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.
- 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. Find additional information on AP exams, IB exams and MC equivalencies by visiting these MC webpages: [Advanced Placement](#) or [International Baccalaureate](#).
- 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 (APP)** - In accordance with Montgomery College’s partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), course performance in select classes may qualify you to take college courses through the Alternate Placement Program (APP). Both institutions monitor and administer the APP monthly for eligible students. Contact your MCPS DEPA or email: dualenrollment@montgomerycollege.edu for more information.
- 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 ACCUPLACER, or the ACCUPLACER ESL by submitting official minimum qualifying [Test of English as a Foreign Language](#) (TOEFL), [International English Language Testing System](#) (IELTS) and/or [Pearson Test of English Academic](#) (PTE) scores:

- TOEFL 575+ (paper and pencil test)
- TOEFL 90+ (internet-based test)
- IELTS 6.5+
- 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](#).

MCPS students may also coordinate with the Dual Enrollment Office [MCPS DEPA](#) to meet with an MC official at their high school or on-campus.

2. Request your official scores to be sent directly to the [Office of Enrollment Services](#) at MC from College Board, ETS, TOEFL, etc. or a regionally accredited U.S. college or university. Here are some school codes you may use:

Montgomery College CEEB Codes	
Germantown	5393
Rockville	5440
Takoma Park/Silver Spring	5414

• **TRANSFER ACCUPLACER SCORES**

Students who have taken the 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](#).

NOTE: *Montgomery College does not accept ACCUPLACER ESL scores.*