

# PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING POLICY

In order to promote student success, placement tests are given to match students with appropriate courses for their skill level.

## I. Who must take a placement test?

**Every student entering PVCC will take a placement test with the following exceptions:**

1. Students taking non-credit courses or credit courses with no math or English prerequisites.
2. Students who meet the prerequisites of the course demonstrated by:
  - a. Appropriate SAT , ACT, or AP test score (see below)

*You are exempt from taking the English placement tests (reading and writing) if you have met any of the following scores:*

SAT: 520 in Reading or Writing sections

ACT: 21 in English (Writing) or 19 in Reading sections

AP (Advanced Placement): 3, 4, or 5 on English exam

*You are exempt from taking the Math placement test if you have met any of the following scores:*

SAT: 520 in Math section

ACT: 22 in Math section

AP: 3, 4, or 5 on Statistics, Calculus AB, or Calculus BC exams

***If you are exempt from taking any placement tests, please submit a copy of the SAT, ACT, or AP scores to the Welcome Center.***

- b. College transcript of a satisfactory grade (“C” or better) in a college-level English course (for English prerequisites) and/or in a college-level math course (for math prerequisites)
  - c. Completion of a 4-year college degree.

*Students who have not had a math course within the last three years are strongly encouraged to take the math placement test before enrolling in math courses or courses with math prerequisites.*

## II. Who may re-take a placement test?

**Students who have taken a COMPASS placement test in the VCCS system may re-test under the following circumstances:**

1. A minimum of four months have elapsed since the last test was taken; **OR**
2. The physical conditions of the testing environment or health of the student during the test may have affected the student’s score. Learning Center staff, the Dual Enrollment Director, or their designee will determine eligibility; **OR**
3. A student has done significant work in the subject since the last test. Eligibility will be determined by the Learning Center staff, Math or Writing Center faculty, Dual Enrollment Director or designee, or appropriate division dean. High school students must present retest requests to the Dual Enrollment Director.