



PENINSULA
COLLEGE

Running Start—

Alternative Placement Options

Appropriate placement is important as it affects a student's ability to progress through their

courses and promotes academic success in their program of study. In order to determine the best classes for you, your reading, writing, and math skills will be assessed.

To Participate in Running Start

Students must place into college-level English and/or math by qualifying through an approved alternative placement option or by taking the placement exam. **College-level math is not required** for admission to the program however, students who plan to enroll in math or science courses through Running Start must have the appropriate placement.

ACCUPLACER

The ACCUPLACER placement assessment is a computer-based, untimed assessment and is one way students can qualify for the Running Start program. The cost is \$20 to take the test. Check the website frequently for available testing dates.

NEW Take the Placement Exam Virtually

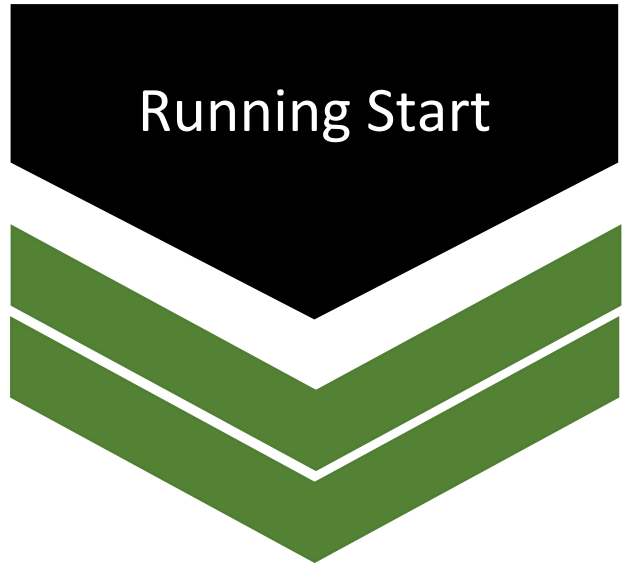
You may take your ACCUPLACER placement test in the privacy of your home using a remote proctoring service. You need a computer, a web cam and a high-speed Internet connection. There is an additional \$25 fee for this. Complete the online form to begin the process.

Not Everyone Needs to Test

Alternative placement options are available to qualify for the Running Start Program and should be your first choice. Taking the placement exam can be the final option to qualify for college-level English and/or math courses.

What Placement Method is Best for You?

Your previous educational experience will help determine which alternative placement might be an option for you. Select a placement choice(s) from the list below and **review the information and requirements about the options described below the chart.**



High School English (Agreement with Port Angeles and Sequim High Schools Only)

Smarter Balanced Assessment

SAT/ACT scores

Advanced Placement

Bridge to College High School class

ACCUPLACER Assessment

Submit all alternative placement paperwork with an Alternative Placement Request Form to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Student Services Building (D) for placement review.

High School English Agreement

Students from **Port Angeles or Sequim high schools** may be eligible to use high school transcripts as the English qualification for Running Start based on the *HS placement chart below*. Students must have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher. We will accept completion of at least 1 semester and will use the most recent semester grade. Submit official or unofficial high school transcript. **This is currently only available to Sequim and Port Angeles High School students.**

Port Angeles High School Course	Grade	Placement
English 12 AP	C+ or better	English 101
English 12 -Regular	B- or below	English 90
	B or better	English 101
AP Literature (Engl 11)	C+ or better	English 101
English 11 -Regular	A-or better	English 101
English 10 Honors	B or better	English 101
Sequim High School Course	Grade	Placement
English 12 AP -Engl Lit/Comp	C+ or better	English 101
English 12 -Regular Sr. Comp	B- or below	English 90
	B or better	English 101
American Studies AP (Engl. 11)- AP Eng Lang 11	C+ or better	English 101
American Studies-Regular 11 Amer Lit/Comp	A- or better	English 101
English 10-10th World Lit Honors	A-or better	English 101

SAT/ACT Scores

Students may use SAT/ACT scores to place into college-level math and/or English courses if they meet the criteria listed below. Please submit your scores from the College Board or ACT. **See chart below.**

SAT and ACT Assessment Score Placement

Test	Math Placement Option		English Placement Option
	<i>Non-STEM college-level placement</i>	<i>STEM college-level placement</i>	
SAT	Math Score: 520-579 Placement: Math& 107 (Math in Society), Math&146 (Statistics), Math& 111	Math Score: 580 or greater Placement: Math& 141, Math& 151	Reading and Writing Score: 480 or higher Placement: English 101
ACT	Math Score: 21 or greater Placement: Math& 107 (Math in Society), Math&146 (Statistics), Math& 111	Math Score: 24 or greater Placement: Math& 141, Math& 151	Reading and Writing Score: 19 or greater Placement: English 101

Advanced Placement

Advancement Placement is a program available in high schools to provide students the opportunity to take college level courses in the high school setting. Students who have completed AP classes **and** the AP exams may be eligible for placement at Peninsula College. Students may be placed into, or receive credit for, math and English courses based on qualifying scores on the AP exams. To utilize test scores for placement, please submit your official AP exam score report from the College Board.

Smarter Balanced High School Assessment Placement (Good for 2 years after the last semester of attendance)

Smarter Balanced assessments taken in Spring 2018 and after

***Date of exam must show on documentation of scores*

Requirements	Math Placement Option	Requirements	English Placement Option
SBA Level 3 or 4 PLUS B or better in high school pre-calculus or higher class	Math&141 (Pre-calculus)	SBA Level 3 or 4	Any entry college (100-level) English course
SBA Level 3 or 4 PLUS B or better in Algebra 2	Math& 107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math& 146 (Statistics)	OR B or better in a designated Bridge to College English class.	Any entry college (100-level) English course
OR B or better in a designated Bridge to College Math class.	Math&107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math& 146 (Statistics)		

Smarter Balanced assessments taken Spring 2017 and prior

***Date of exam must show on documentation of scores*

SBA Level	Math Placement Option	English Placement Option
4	Any entry college-level math course through Math&141 (Pre-calculus I)	Any entry college (100-level) English course
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Math& 107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math& 146 (Statistics), or their equivalent ➤ Math&141 (Pre-calculus I) contingent on a B or better in a calculus pathway class as a high school senior 	Any entry college (100-level) English course
2	➤ Math&107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math& 146 contingent on a B or better in a statewide Bridge to College Math class.	An entry college (100-level) English course contingent on a B or better in a statewide Bridge to College English class
1	➤ Not Valid for Placement	Not Valid for Placement

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