



PENINSULA  
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# Running Start—

Alternative Placement Options

Appropriate placement is important as it impacts a student’s ability to progress through their courses and promote academic success in their program of study. In order to determine the best classes for you, your writing, reading and mathematics 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, B-Virtual. You will need a computer, a web cam and a high speed Internet connection. No additional software is required prior to your test session appointment. There is an additional \$25 fee for this service which you will pay when you register for the exam with the virtual service provider. 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 the method most likely to place you successfully. Select a placement choice(s) from the list below and find more information about placement options described below the chart.



- High School Transcripts (Port Angeles and Sequim High Schools Only)
- Smarter Balanced Assessment (WA schools only)
- SAT/ACT scores
- Advanced Placement
- Bridge to College High School class (WA only)
- ACCUPLACER Assessment

## High School Transcripts

Students from **Port Angeles or Sequim high schools** (within two years) may be eligible to use high school transcripts for placement in English courses as well as prerequisites for other courses 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. Unofficial transcripts should be submitted to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower for placement review. **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
American Studies AP (Engl. 11)- AP Eng Lang 11	B or better	English 101
American Studies-Regular 11 Amer Lit/Comp	C+ or better	English 101
English 10-10th World Lit Honors	A-or better	English 101

**\*\*ALL PLACEMENT DOCUMENTS MAY BE EMAILED TO [TESTING@PENCOL.EDU](mailto:TESTING@PENCOL.EDU)**

## Smarter Balanced Assessment

Students of Washington State school districts may be eligible to use their Smarter Balanced Assessment scores for placement in math and English courses as well as any course for which they meet the math and/or English prerequisites. Please bring a copy of your score report or your high school transcript with the Smarter Balanced scores notation to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower to be evaluated.

### Smarter Balanced High School Assessment Placement

SBA Score	Math Placement Option	English Placement Option
4	Any entry college-level math course through pre-calculus I.	Any entry college-level English course (including but not limited to English Composition or its equivalent)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Math&amp; 107 (Math in Society), Math 111, Math&amp; 146 (Statistics), or their equivalents</li> <li>✓ Pre-calculus contingent on a B or better in a calculus pathway class as a high school senior</li> </ul>	Any entry college-level English course (including but not limited to English Composition or its equivalent)
2	✓ Math&107 (Math in Society) and Math& 146 contingent on a B or better in a statewide Bridge to College Math (#02099) course.	An entry college-level English course contingent on a B or better in a statewide Bridge to College English (#01069) course.
1	✓ Not Valid for Placement	Not Valid for Placement

## SAT/ACT Scores

Students may use SAT/ACT scores to place into college-level math and English courses if they meet the criteria listed below. Please submit your scores directly from the College Board or ACT to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower for review and placement. **See chart below.**

### SAT and ACT Assessment Score Placement

Test	Math Placement Option		English Placement Option
	Non-STEM college-level placement	STEM college-level placement	
<b>SAT</b>	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
<b>ACT</b>	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 Entrance Exam Board to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower for evaluation.

## Bridge to College High School Class (WA only)

Students may be placed into college level English or math if they have completed a Bridge to College high school class with a B or better grade. Please submit your high school transcript with an **Alternative Placement Request Form** for review to the Assessment and Placement Center in the Clock Tower. (English #01069, Math #02099)

## Assessment and Placement Center at Peninsula College

1-877-452-9277 ext. 6346

Fax: (360) 417-6416

<http://www.pencol.edu/placement-testing>

\*\*All placement documents may be emailed to [testing@pencol.edu](mailto:testing@pencol.edu)

