

PLACEMENT TEST EXEMPTION CRITERIA

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

- 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 2.75 or higher, you may be exempt from testing in English/Reading and Math for up to a year after high school graduation. Submit an official or unofficial transcript to the [Office of Raptor Central](#). 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.
- APPROPRIATE STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES** – You may be eligible for credit-level placement with minimum qualifying scores from these standardized tests:

	NEXTGEN ACCUPLACER	ALEKS	SAT			ACT
			New SAT (after 3/1/16)	Old SAT (before 3/1/16)	Reading Subset	
English	263+	Not Applicable	480+ Evidence-Based Reading/Writing	500+ Critical Reading	26+	21+ Reading
Reading	263+	Not Applicable				21+ Reading
Math	NGAQ 250-262	30-45	530+	500+	Not Applicable	21+

NOTE: Students with PARCC scores must see a counselor or academic advisor to interpret these scores.

SAT/ACT SCORES: Students should contact the [Office of Raptor Central](#) for instructions on how to submit these scores.

TRANSFER ACCUPLACER SCORES: Students who have taken ACCUPLACER at another institution may submit those scores for evaluation. English and Reading scores should be less than 2 years old. Math scores should be less than 1 year old. Email assessment_TPSS@montgomerycollege.edu for instructions. *Montgomery College does not accept ACCUPLACER ESL scores.*

TRANSFER ALEKS SCORES: Students may transfer ALEKS scores after completing Test #2 or higher. Diagnostic scores (Test #1) are not acceptable. Submit your scores for review to: ben.nicholson@montgomerycollege.edu

4. **GED** – Maryland students who scored 165 or higher in the Reasoning Through Language Arts and/or Mathematical Reasoning modules of the new GED (computer-based, 2014 or later) are eligible to enroll in college-level English and Math courses. For evaluation, submit official scores to the [Office of Raptor Central](#).
5. **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, submit an unofficial transcript to the [Office of Raptor Central](#). Keep in mind that you may still need to take a math placement exam.
NOTE: To receive credit for prior learning, submit an official transcript to the [Office of Records and Registration](#) for evaluation.
6. **ADDITIONAL STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES** – You may be exempt from taking a placement exam 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 it is an addition to TOEFL and/or IELTS scores.)

Please submit official scores to the [Office of Raptor Central](#)

Students applying with these scores will still need to complete a math placement exam 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.

7. **EARNED DEGREE** - If you have earned an associate’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university please submit an unofficial college transcript showing the degree conferred with date to the [Office of Records and Registration](#).
NOTE: To receive credit for prior learning, submit an official transcript for evaluation to the [Office of Records and Registration](#).
8. **ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) or INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) exams** - If you have AP or IB exams, please submit your official records to the [Office of Records and Registration](#) for evaluation. Find additional information on AP and IB exams by visiting [Credit for Prior Learning](#).

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY TEST SCORES OR TRANSCRIPTS?

1. Submit your *unofficial* scores or transcripts to the [Office of Raptor Central](#) for evaluation.
2. Current MCPS students may submit unofficial scores to the [Office of Dual Enrollment](#) for evaluation.
3. Submit official scores to the [Office of Records and Registration](#) to request credit for prior learning. Here are some school codes you may use:

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