

# COMMON PLACEMENT TESTS

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Both the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) and ACCUPLACER Next Generation (NG) are computer-based exams that assess reading, English, and mathematics skills. They are used to determine a student's appropriate placement in Eastern Florida college credit courses. The College administers the initial test at no additional charge to the student. Students must submit an *Application for Admission*, pay the application fee and have their acceptance letter and/or student number before testing can be administered. Students are encouraged to review reading, English and algebra skills prior to taking the placement test, as retesting is permitted under certain conditions that may include time interval or documentation of subject review. The current retest policy is posted on the website. Review materials are located in the Academic Success Centers on each campus. Remote Test options remain available for some testing. Most campus based tests may be scheduled via RegisterBlast, an online, 24/7 scheduling system. Refer to the website for current testing options and scheduling detail.

## **Authorization for Placement Test Exemption: Florida Statute 1008.30 – Common Placement Testing for Public Postsecondary Education**

*(4)(a) A student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school in the 2003-04 school year, or any year thereafter, and earned a Florida standard high school diploma<sup>1</sup> or a student who is serving as an active duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces shall not be required to take the common placement test and shall not be required to enroll in developmental education instruction in a Florida College System institution. However, a student who is not required to take the common placement test and is not required to enroll in developmental education under this paragraph may opt to be assessed and to enroll in developmental education instruction, and the college shall provide such assessment and instruction upon the student's request.*

## **Placement Test Scores**

Scores used for placement purposes for the first-time student may be from the same test, or placement may be determined by mixing subtests of different tests, provided all scores are within the two-year time limit. EFSC will use the scores that offer the best placement for the student.

Students will be assessed for the need for developmental classes. Cut scores for placement into specific college credit classes are defined by SBE Rule 6A-10.0315. For the most current college ready cut scores, refer to the "Assessment Scores Used for Placement" matrix at the end of this section.