



Policy 3.3
Assessment Testing Policy
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All students who enroll for eight (8) or more credits at Mesabi Range College campuses must take the Computerized Placement Test (CPT) for basic skills in reading, English, and mathematics with the following exceptions/conditions:

- Students who have taken the CPT or ASAP assessment test at another college in the last two years do not need to assess if they are able to provide a copy of their former assessment results.
- Students who are non-degree seeking may petition to have the assessment requirement waived.
- Transfer students who have received a “C” or better in a college level English composition course do not need to take the English portion of the assessment. Transfer students with a college level Mathematics course with a “C” or better do not need to take the math portion of the assessment test.
- Students enrolled under Concurrent Enrollment must take the CPT assessment in English, reading and/or mathematics if enrolling in courses in those disciplines regardless of the total number of credits taken.
- All students enrolled in the PSEO program must take the complete CPT assessment and achieve the appropriate scores prior to enrollment, as outlined in PSEO admissions policy.
- Students needing accommodations for testing due to a disability should contact the Disabilities Services Office.

Students who wish to appeal initial placement must follow CPT Retest Policy. (See attached.)

Part 1. Incoming Student Assessment

Subpart A. English as a Native Language

MRC shall administer the following tests to students who self-declare English as their native language (NL):

Accuplacer

Computerized Assessment Test

Reading unlimited minutes 20 problems

English unlimited minutes 20 problems

Accuplacer

Computerized Assessment Test

Algebra through Data Use unlimited minutes 17 problems or

Beginning Algebra unlimited minutes 20 problems or

Advanced Intermediate Algebra unlimited minutes 20 problems or

College Level Math unlimited minutes 20 problems

Assessment Tests take approximately 2 hours to complete including instructions, general information, grading and printing test results.

The testing schedule for native English language speakers will be communicated to the students through letters from the Admissions office

Subpart B. English as a Second Language

MRC shall administer the following tests to students who self-declare English as a second language (ESL):

LEP Reading Test on Accuplacer

Written Essay on Given Topic 30 minutes

This is scored by MRC English teachers using a departmental devised scoring method of evaluation.

The Learning Center will serve as a liaison between the student and appropriate college departments to facilitate services for the ESL student.

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