



Assessment Waivers

At Northern Essex Community College, the following multiple measures may exempt you from the full or partial ACCUPLACER College Placement Test (CPT).

Math Placement GPA

In accordance with the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's Task Force on Transforming Developmental Math Education recommendations, all 2014 high school graduates and beyond will be eligible for a math placement based on their high school GPA *or* Accuplacer.

- All students planning to enroll in Spring, 2015 classes or beyond should submit their final high school transcript to Enrollment Express Services as part of the application process.
- Students whose overall GPA is 2.7 or higher and meet the necessary reading prerequisite may register for an entry level college level math course, regardless of a developmental math placement with the Accuplacer test.
- High School GPAs will be accepted for 3 years from the date of graduation.
- **The Accuplacer test can place students *at a higher level* than the GPA placement. Therefore, it is in a student's best interest to take the math assessment test.**
- Only transcripts that are calculated on a scale of 4.0 will be used. All others will be required to take Accuplacer.
- Anyone who falls outside of the 2014 graduation criteria, does not have a GPA noted on the transcript or does not provide a transcript will be required to take the Accuplacer math test for placement.

Submit your score report to Enrollment Express Services at registrarpublic@necc.mass.edu

*Some programs may require the math test prior to entry. Please check with your advisor or the program coordinator.

English Placement GPA

In accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education and the English Subcommittee of the Co-requisite Scale Initiative, all 2017 graduates and beyond will be eligible for an English placement based on their high school GPA.

In accordance with the state's recommendations, all high school graduates will be eligible for placement into English Composition 1 based on their high school GPA as one of the assessment measures in English.

- All students planning to enroll in Spring 2019 classes or beyond should submit their final high school transcript to Enrollment Express Services as part of the application process.
- Students whose overall GPA is 2.7 or higher may register for English Composition I (*excludes Honors Comp.)
- High School GPA's will be accepted for 10 years after the student high school graduation date. Eligibility begins with a high school graduation date of 2009.
- Beginning with 2019 graduates, High School GPA 2.7 grants a writing and reading waiver.
- Placement will not be retroactive for any students who are currently enrolled.
- Calculations will be based on the standard 4.0 scale only, regardless if the High School is on a 5.0 scale. All others will be required to take Accuplacer.
- Anyone who falls outside the above stated criteria, does not have a GPA noted on the transcript or does not provide a transcript will be required to take Accuplacer.

Submit your score report to Enrollment Express Services at registrarpublic@necc.mass.edu

SAT waivers

If you have SAT scores, you may be waived from the reading and writing assessment. There are no math SAT waivers. Submit your SAT scores to Enrollment Express Services or the Academic Placement & Testing Center.

- **SAT CRITICAL READING – Old SAT scores**
- Verbal SAT 500 plus waives student from reading assessment
- Verbal SAT 600 plus waives student from both reading and writing assessment
- **SAT READING TEST – New SAT scores**
- SAT 27 plus waives student from reading assessment
- SAT 32 plus waives student from both reading and writing

Submit your score report to Enrollment Express Services at registrarpublic@necc.mass.edu or to the Academic Placement & Testing Center at testing@necc.mass.edu

High School Equivalency (HSE) College Ready Waivers

- If you have GED College Ready score levels of 165-174, you may be waived from the reading, writing and math assessment.
- If you have HiSET College and Career Readiness scores of 15 out of 20 on the subtests, you may be waived from the reading, writing and math assessment.
- **The Accuplacer test can place students at a higher level than the HSE placement. Therefore, it is in a student's best interest to take the math assessment test.**

Submit your Accuplacer Individual Score Report (ISR) the Academic Placement & Testing Center at testing@necc.mass.edu

ACCUPLACER Test Scores

- If a student has completed Accuplacer at another institution, the Academic Placement & Testing Center will accept the official Accuplacer Individual Score Report (ISR) and waive the student from assessment, if applicable.
- NECC will accept an Accuplacer Individual Score Report (ISR) raw scores only. We do not accept placements.
- Scores are accepted and must be dated with the expiration date. Developmental placements expire in 1 year and College Level placements expire in 3 years.

Submit your score report to the Academic Placement & Testing Center at testing@necc.mass.edu

AP Scores

The College Board Advanced Placement program (AP) provides participating high schools the opportunity to offer college-level coursework to students in a variety of subject areas. AP scores range from 1 to 5 points. AP scores of 3, 4, 5 are commonly acceptable as the equivalent of college-level course work. [Please view the Advanced Placement \(AP\) Credit Policy at NECC.](#)

Submit your transcript to Enrollment Express Services at registrarpublic@necc.mass.edu

Seal of Biliteracy

Students who submit a high school transcript or diploma with the Seal of Biliteracy designation are exempt from taking the Accuplacer reading and writing assessment tests.

- [Complete the Seal of Biliteracy Request Form](#) and upload your high school transcript or diploma with the Seal of Biliteracy designation.

Prior Coursework

If you have previously attended another college/university, NECC will evaluate successfully completed courses to see if you are exempt from testing. Submit your transcript to Enrollment Express Services at registrarpublic@necc.mass.edu

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