

Wayne Community College Policy Using High School Transcript GPA and/or Standardized Test Scores for Placement (Multiple Measures for Placement)

The Multiple Measures for Placement Policy establishes a hierarchy of measures that Wayne Community College will use to determine students' readiness for college-level courses:

- (1) A recent NC high school graduate (within 5 years of college enrollment) who meets the specified GPA and 4th math benchmark will be exempt from diagnostic placement testing and will be considered "college-ready" for gateway math, English, and computer courses.



- (2) If a recent NC high school graduate does not meet the GPA and 4th math benchmark, the college will use specified ACT or SAT subject area test scores to determine placement.



- (3) If a recent NC high school graduate does not meet the GPA and 4th math threshold or have college-ready ACT or SAT scores, the college will administer the diagnostic placement test to determine placement.



- (4) If an applicant does not have a recent NC high school transcript or ACT or SAT scores, the college will administer the diagnostic placement test to determine placement.

Multiple Measures for Placement Policy

Unweighted GPA = or > 2.6 and 4 th HS math class*	Student is college ready for any gateway math course and any course that has a DMA prerequisite.
Unweighted GPA = or > 2.6 and 4 th HS math class*	Student is college ready for any English course up to and including English 111 and any course that has a DRE prerequisite.
Unweighted GPA = or > 2.6 and 4 th HS math class*	Student is college ready for any gateway computer skills course and any course that has a CIS 070 prerequisite.
Unweighted GPA < 2.6 or no 4 th HS math class*	Wayne Community College will evaluate subject-area ACT or SAT scores (tests must be taken within 5 years of college enrollment) to determine if student is college ready in math and English using the following scores (based on national and state validation studies): <u>English:</u> ACT Reading 22 OR ACT English 18 OR SAT Writing 500 OR SAT Critical Reading 500 (if SAT taken prior to March 2016) OR SAT Evidence-Based Reading 480 (if SAT taken March 2016 or later) <u>Math:</u> ACT Math 22 OR SAT Math 500 (if SAT taken prior to March 2016) OR SAT Math 530 (if SAT taken March 2016 or later)
Unweighted GPA < 2.6 and subject-area score(s) below college ready	Student will take the placement test/subject-area diagnostic assessment(s) to determine placement.
Students without a recent transcript GPA or without ACT or SAT scores	Student will take the placement test/subject-area diagnostic assessment(s) to determine placement.

* A high school student must be enrolled in an approved 4th math course or have completed an approved 4th math course to be eligible for Multiple Measures for Placement. Eligible 4th math courses are listed at the end of this document. The System Office's Program Division will update this list as needed in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction.

1. This policy was initially approved by the State Board of Community Colleges (2/15/13) for students enrolling in Fall semester 2013.
2. This policy applies to an individual who has an official transcript grade point average (GPA) from a high school that is legally authorized to operate in North Carolina and who graduated from that high school within five years of college enrollment.
3. For students who apply for admission before they graduate from high school, Wayne Community College will consider a student's cumulative GPA/4th math at the end of 1st semester of 12th grade or ACT/SAT test scores in determining placement.
4. Wayne Community College will not use GPA/4th math for placement for students with transcripts from out-of-state high schools.
5. Wayne Community College will use State Board-approved cut scores to place students into the appropriate developmental math (DMA) module or reading/English (DRE) course.
6. Students who meet the above criteria and are exempt from placement testing are still encouraged to take the placement tests in order to best determine current skill levels in relation to college class requirements.
7. Wayne Community College will not allow students who are assessed near-college ready on the diagnostic assessment to co-enroll in a college course and the appropriate developmental education module/course that is a prerequisite for the college-level course.
8. The North Carolina Community College System will review student placement and success rates within two years of implementation of this policy and will report to the State Board of Community Colleges.
9. This policy does not apply to Career and College Promise (CCP).

Eligible 4th High School Math Courses for Multiple Measures Placement

High School 4th Math Courses:

For current and prior years:

- Advanced Functions and Modeling
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- Discrete Mathematics
- Essentials for College Math (SREB – Math Ready)
- Integrated Mathematics IV
- International Baccalaureate Mathematics
- International Baccalaureate Computer Science
- Mindset
- Pre-Calculus

For years including and prior to 2014-2015:

- Probability & Statistics

For years including and prior to 2013-2014:

- Analytical Geometry
- Calculus
- Trigonometry

Community College 4th Math Courses (Taken in Career & College Promise Pathways):

- MAT 143 (Quantitative Literacy)
- MAT 151 (Statistics I)
- MAT 152 (Statistical Methods I)
- MAT 155 (Statistical Analysis)
- MAT 161 (College Algebra)
- MAT 162 (College Trigonometry)
- MAT 165 (Finite Mathematics)
- MAT 167 (Discrete Mathematics)
- MAT 171 (Pre-Calculus Algebra)
- MAT 172 (Pre-Calculus Trigonometry)
- MAT 175 (Pre-Calculus)
- MAT 200 or above