

SPSCC High School Documents Placement Guide

Students applying the to Running Start program or who have completed high school testing or math classes within the past calendar year may be eligible to use high school documents for placement into pre-college or college level English and Math courses. Please use the grid below to find the appropriate placement and documentation needed.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT PLACEMENT OPTIONS		
Algebra I with a "B" or better averaged grade	Places you into...	MATH 097 Essentials of Intermediate Algebra
Geometry with a "B" or better averaged grade	Places you into...	MATH 097 Essentials of Intermediate Algebra
Algebra II with a "B" or better averaged grade	Places you into...	MATH 099 Intermediate Algebra MATH 107 Math In Society MATH 146 Probability and Statistics CHEM 121 Introduction to Chemistry
Pre-Calculus with a "B" or better averaged grade	Places you into...	<i>All college math from Algebra II placement PLUS:</i> MATH 141 Precalculus I MATH 147 Business Pre-Calc. CHEM 139 General Chemistry Prep
Chemistry with a "C" or better AND completion or enrollment in MATH 141 at the college	Places you into...	CHEM 161 General Chemistry with Lab I
<i>All math classes must have been completed within the last calendar year to qualify. An unofficial transcript can be used for placement— an official transcript is not necessary.</i>		

SMARTER BALANCED SCORE PLACEMENT OPTIONS		
SBA ENGLISH score of "2" AND Bridge to College course with a "B" or better OR SBA ENGLISH score of "3"	Places you into...	ENGL 101 English Composition I
SBA MATH score of "2" AND Bridge to College course with a "B" or better OR SBA MATH score of "3"	Places you into...	MATH 099 Intermediate Algebra MATH 107 Math In Society MATH 146 Probability and Statistics
SBA MATH score of "4"	Places you into...	<i>All college math from SBA Math score "3" placement PLUS:</i> MATH 141 Precalculus I MATH 147 Business Pre-Calc. CHEM 139 General Chemistry Prep
<i>If SBA score is below requirements for placement, student is encouraged to take the CPT or, for math only, submit a high school transcript showing math completion with a "B" or better. All scores must be submitted within one year of high school graduation. Students may submit an unofficial high school transcript showing SBA ELA/MATH completion or the SBA score sheet.</i>		

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCORE PLACEMENT OPTIONS

English Literature or Language Comp Score of "3"	Places you into....	ENGL 101	English Composition I
English Literature or Language Comp Score of "4" or "5"	Places you into...	ENGL 102	English Composition II
Calculus AB Score of "3" or "4"	Places you into...	MATH 152	Calculus II
Calculus AB Score of "5"	Places you into...	MATH 153	Calculus III
Calculus BC Score of "3" or "4"	Places you into...	MATH 152	Calculus II
Calculus BC Score of "5"	Places you into...	MATH 153	Calculus III
<i>Official AP score sheet must be submitted if a student wishes to receive transcribed credit for a score of "3" or higher for any AP exam. An unofficial score sheet can be used for placement. PLACEMENT FROM AP SCORES CANNOT BE MADE WITH A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.</i>			

Documentation FAQs

What if I'm a home school student? What does my transcript need to include? Home school students can submit a transcript for placement in Math with the following information: 1. Full name, address and phone number of the student. 2. Name of textbook or course materials used (if any) including publisher, year and edition. 3. List of concepts/content covered in the course. 4. Grade received for two semesters or one year of study. 5. Designation of two semesters (.5 cr each) or one year (1.0 cr) of credit earned. 6. Signature of teacher, tutor, parent, guardian or other qualified individual who taught the course content to the student. Transcript needs to include math completion information only. A full transcript of all coursework completed is not required.

Do I have to bring official (sealed) transcripts or score results? If you would like to receive transcribed credit for an AP score of "3" or higher, you will need to submit an official report with a Transfer of Credit application. An unofficial AP score report can be used for placement during registration while you are waiting for the official report to be sent. High school transcripts and SBA scores are used for placement only and do not need to be official.

What if my SBA results aren't yet on my high school transcript? If you have a copy of your score report from completing the SBA, we can use that for placement. If you do not yet have a score report your high school Counselor or Registrar can email advising@spscc.edu and include score information along with your full name and date of birth.

What if I take the placement test but then get a better grade in class or higher score on SBA? SPSCC will always use your highest placement option. For example, if you take the CPT and score into Pre-College English but then receive a "3" or "4" on your SBA ELA exam, then we will use the SBA results for placement into ENGL 101.

What if I haven't finished my high school math class, but the college is registering for the next quarter? If you are currently in progress in a math course at the high school you can submit an unofficial transcript showing completion of first semester with a "B" or better and a copy of your second semester schedule showing enrollment in the course. You must then submit a final transcript showing completion of second semester no later than the day after our final grades post for the current quarter. You can view the final grade dates for each quarter on our website.

What if I'm not planning on taking Math or English courses right away at the college? Do I need to submit my high school documentation? There are time limits on how long your scores or grades are good for placement. We recommend that you work with an Educational Planner to see how the time limits might impact your progression at the college.

SBA SCORES: Good for one year from date of high school graduation

HS MATH: Good for one year from date of completion

AP SCORES: Good any date from award

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