

SPSCC High School Documents Placement Guide

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

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT MATH, CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS PLACEMENT OPTIONS

Geometry with a "B" or better averaged grade	Places you into....	MATH 096 Quantitative Literacy
Algebra I with a "B" or better averaged grade		MATH 097 Essentials of Intermediate Algebra BUS 104 Business Math
Algebra II with a "B" or better averaged grade	Places you into...	MATH 099 Intermediate Algebra MATH 107 Math In Society MATH 146 Introduction to Statistics MATH 140 College Algebra CHEM 121 Introduction to Chemistry
Pre-Calculus with a "B" or better averaged grade	Places you into...	<i>All college courses from Algebra II placement PLUS:</i> MATH 141 Precalculus I MATH 147 Business Pre-Calc. CHEM 139 General Chemistry Prep PHYS 114 General Physics I with Lab
Chemistry with a "C" or better AND completion or concurrent enrollment in MATH 141 at the college	Places you into...	CHEM 161 General Chemistry with Lab I

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT ENGLISH PLACEMENT OPTIONS

12th grade English/Language Arts with a "B" or better averaged grade	Places you into....	ENGL 101 English Composition I
AP Lit./Comp. with a "B" or better averaged grade		
IB Lit./Comp. with a "B" or better averaged grade		

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) & INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) SCORE PLACEMENT OPTIONS

AP English Lit. or Language Comp Score of "3"	Places you into....	ENGL 101 English Composition I
AP English Lit. or Language Comp Score of "4" or "5"	Places you into...	ENGL 102 English Composition II
IB Language A: Lit. or Lit. & Lang. (SL or HL) Score of "5"+	Places you into...	ENGL 101 English Composition I
AP Calculus AB Score of "3" or "4"	Places you into...	MATH 152 Calculus II
AP Calculus AB Score of "5"	Places you into...	MATH 153 Calculus III
AP Calculus BC Score of "3" or "4"	Places you into...	MATH 152 Calculus II
AP Calculus BC Score of "5"	Places you into...	MATH 153 Calculus III

SAT/ACT SCORE ENGLISH PLACEMENT OPTIONS		
SAT READING/WRITING score of 470 or higher	Places you into....	ENGL 101 English Composition I
ACT READING/ENGLISH score of 19 or higher (on ea.)	Places you into....	ENGL 101 English Composition I

SMARTER BALANCED SCORE PLACEMENT OPTIONS		
SBA ENGLISH score of "2" AND Bridge to College course with a "B" or better	Places you into...	ENGL 101 English Composition I
OR		
SBA ENGLISH score of "3" or "4"		
SBA MATH score of "2" AND Bridge to College course with a "B" or better	Places you into...	MATH 099 Intermediate Algebra MATH 107 Math In Society MATH 146 Introduction to Statistics MATH 140 College Algebra CHEM 121 Introduction to Chemistry
OR		
SBA MATH score of "3"		
SBA MATH score of "4"	Places you into...	<i>All college courses from SBA "3" placement PLUS:</i> MATH 141 Precalculus I MATH 147 Business Pre-Calc. CHEM 139 General Chemistry Prep PHYS 114 General Physics I with Lab

DOCUMENTATION TIME LIMITS		
Document Type	English	Math
High School Transcript	3 years from HS graduation	MATH: 1 year from date of course completion CHEM: 3 years from date of course completion
SAT/ACT	3 years from date of exam	Not eligible for placement
AP & IB Scores	No time limit	No time limit
Smarter Balance Scores <i>*Scores must be from 10th or 11th grade testing year</i>	3 years from HS graduation	1 year from HS graduation

*For all placement, an unofficial high school transcript or unofficial score sheet will be accepted. For Advanced Placement only: If you score high enough to receive credit from SPSCC, you must submit an **official score sheet** for credit review.*

High School 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 or English 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 and/or English completion information only. A full transcript of all course-work completed is not required.

What if I haven't finished my high school class, but the college is registering for the next quarter? For summer/fall quarter registration only: If you are currently in progress in a Math or English 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 last business day in June. If you do not submit a final transcript you will be dropped from your classes by the start of the quarter.** In progress enrollment is not an option for current high school students for winter or spring quarter registration. In progress placement is not an option for incoming Running Start students. To make placement, your documentation must be complete (ex: final scores on SBA or AP/IB exams or full 1.0 credit completion with "B" or better for high school course placement)

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. *SBA scores are only valid from 10th or 11th grade testing years.*

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'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. Please see the Documentation Time Limits Table included with this document. We recommend that you work with an Educational Planner to see how the time limits might impact your progression at the college.