

Peninsula College Placement Options for Running Start Students

Please review the placement options below to see if any may apply to you.

Contact placement@pencol.edu with questions and to submit documents.

High School Honors Course Placement: *(not available for homeschool)*

English Requirement	Placement
High school Honors English class with B or above in one semester and cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above	English 101
Math Requirement	Placement
High school Honors Pre-Calculus with B or above in one semester and cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above	Math 151

High School Transcript Placement: *(not available for homeschool)*

English Requirement	Placement
High school English classes with B or above in three semesters	English 101
Math Requirement	Placement
High school Algebra 1 and Geometry with C or above in three semesters	Math 090*
High school Algebra 2 with B or above in one semester and cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120
High school Pre-Calc with B or above in one semester and cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above	Math 141

* Please note that tuition for pre-100-level courses is not paid for by Running Start.

Smarter Balanced Scores: *(taken in grade 9 or above)*

English Requirement	Placement
ELA Score of Level 3 or 4	English 101
Math Requirement	Placement
Math Score Level 3 or 4, and B or above in Algebra 2	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120
Math Score Level 3 or 4, and B or above in Pre-Calc	Math 141

SAT Scores:

English Requirement	Placement
Evidence Based Reading/Writing Score of 480 or above	English 101
Math Requirement	Placement
Math Score of 520-579	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120
Math Score of 580 or higher	Math 141 / 142 / 151

ACT Scores:

English Requirement	Placement
Reading Score of 19 or higher	English 101
Math Requirement	Placement
Math Score of 21-23	Math 098 / 107 / 111 / 146; Phil 120
Math Score of 24 or higher	Math 141 / 142 / 151

Additional placement options for Running Start students:

- **Placement Test Scores** – previous Accuplacer or Compass test scores.
- **Placement Reciprocity** – placement by another Washington state community/technical college within the last year.
- **English Placement Essay** – Write a short essay for review and placement by English faculty
- **Math Challenge Assessment** – Take the final exam for a pre-requisite math course
- **College Transcripts** – if you passed math or English college classes at another college.
- **Advanced Placement/CLEP/International Baccalaureate/Cambridge International credits** – for more info, go to: <https://pencol.edu/academic-resources/prior-learning-assessment>

Self-Placement

Requirement	Placements
Option to self-place into English 90* and Math 63* without having to take a placement test. <i>Must contact Placement Center to request self-placement.</i>	English 90 & Math 63

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ACCUPLACER Assessment – if no other placement options enable placement into English 101 or Math 107 or higher, sign up for the ACCUPLACER assessment at: <https://pencol.edu/placement-testing>

We will accept unofficial high school and college transcripts for placement purposes, but not student generated high school grades from systems like Skyward, etc.

Documentation in support of the placement options above should be submitted to placement@pencol.edu for review.