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English & Math Placement Exams

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Math Placement

SAT

ACT COMPASS/e-write

The ACT COMPASS/e-write is a computerized exam used for English placement. The exam is given daily in the Testing Center and the cost of the exam is \$15. You can register for the ACT COMPASS/e-write exam by contacting the Testing Center and paying the exam fee in Students Accounts prior to the test date. ACT COMPASS/e-write scores are transferable to other institutions. You may take the ACT COMPASS English placement a total of twice, once per semester.

Policies & Procedures:

1. Individuals **must** schedule with the Testing Center at least one day in advance of the scheduled examination date because of the limited number of seats.
2. Tests may be scheduled Monday – Friday at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00 and 2:00.
3. Once scheduled, the student **must** pay the **\$15** examination fee to the Student Accounts office prior to the examination date and time.
4. All students **must** bring the receipt for payment of the examination fee and a photo ID on the day of testing.
5. Students should arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled examination time.
6. The placement exams are untimed exams. The math exam contains 15 questions and the English exam contains 43 questions.

Placement Scores

SCORE	ENGLISH PLACEMENT
0-70	ENGL 100
71-89	ENGL 101
90-100	ENGL 102

ACT National

The ACT National is given one Saturday in the months of February, April, June, September, October and December each year. The National ACT scores are used for math and English placement. Students must register online through ACT for this exam at www.act.org.

Placement Scores

SCORE	MATH PLACEMENT	SCORE	ENGLISH PLACEMENT
0-18	MATH 100	0-16	ENGL 100
19-20	MATH 102	17-22	ENGL 101
21-22	MATH 112	23-36	ENGL 102
23-24	MATH 120		
25-26	MATH 130		
27-36	MATH 210		

2010 Test Dates

February 6

April 10

June 12

September 11

October 23

December 11

2011 Test Dates

February 12

April 9

June 11

ACT Residual

The ACT Residual is a paper and pencil exam used for both math and English placement. The exam is given once each month in the Testing Center, and students are required to take the entire exam even if only one course placement is needed. You can register for the ACT Residual exam by contacting the Testing Center and paying the \$40 exam fee at Student Accounts prior to the test date. Scores are not transferable to other institutions. A schedule of test dates is included in this information handout.

Policies & Procedures:

1. Individuals **must** schedule with the Testing Center at least one day in advance of the scheduled examination date because of the limited number of seats.
2. Exams are offered once a month according to the attached schedule of dates.
3. Once scheduled, the student **must** pay the **\$40** examination fee to the Student Accounts office prior to the examination date and time.
4. All students **must** bring the receipt for payment of the examination fee and a photo ID on the day of testing.
5. Students should arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled examination time.
6. Calculators are permitted on the exam.
7. The ACT Residual exam is a timed exam and takes approximately 3.5 hours to complete.

Placement Scores

Scores	MATH Placement	Scores	English Placement
0-18	MATH 100	0-16	ENGL 100
19-20	MATH 102	17-22	ENGL 101
21-22	MATH 112	23-36	ENGL 102
23-24	MATH 120		
25-26	MATH 130		
27 -36	MATH 210		

ACT Residual

2010 Test Dates

Date	Time
January 15 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
February 10 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
March 5 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
April 7 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
May 7 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
June 2 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
July 7 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
August 6 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
August 18 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
September 3 (Friday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
October 6 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
November 12 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
December 8 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

2011 Test Dates

Date	Time
January 14 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
February 9 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
March 4 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
April 6 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
May 6 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
June 3 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
July 6 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
August 5 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
August 17 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
September 2 (Friday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
October 5 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
November 18 (Friday)	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
December 7 (Wednesday)	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Math Placement

The Math Placement exam is a paper and pencil exam that consists of a series of five multiple-choice tests. Students may progress through as many of the test as possible in 90 minutes. You may take the Math Placement a total of two times, once per semester. Calculators are not allowed on the exam and copies of the test or answer sheets are not provided. You can register for the Math Placement exam by contacting the Testing Center.

Policies & Procedures:

1. Individuals **must** schedule with the Testing Center a minimum of one business day in advance of the scheduled examination date because of the limited number of seats.
2. Exams may be scheduled Monday – Friday between 8:30 and 3:30.
3. All students **must** photo ID on the day of testing.
4. Students should arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled examination time.
5. Calculators **are not** permitted on the exam.
6. The Math Placement exam takes 90 minutes to complete.
7. A passing score of 70% is required for each exam.

Placement Scores

Scores	MATH Placement
0-69% on exam 1	MATH 100
70% on exam 1	MATH 102
70% on exam 2	MATH 112
70% on exam 3	MATH 120
70% on exam 4	MATH 130
70% on exam 5	MATH 210

SAT

Mountain State University is not currently an SAT test site. SAT information and registration are available from College Board at (866) 756-7346 or online at www.collegeboard.com.

Placement Scores

SCORE	MATH PLACEMENT		SCORE	ENGLISH PLACEMENT
200-459	MATH 100		200-439	ENGL 100
460-499	MATH 102		440-539	ENGL 101
500-539	MATH 112		540-800	ENGL 102
540-579	MATH 120			
580-619	MATH 130			
620 -800	MATH 210			

Placement Exam Summary

	ACT COMPASS	ACT National	ACT Residual	Math Placement	SAT
Placement	English	English and Math	English and Math	Math	English and Math
Fee	\$15	check with ACT	\$40	check with Testing Center	check with SAT
Test Dates	daily	1 Saturday 6 months a year	once per month	daily	1 Saturday 5 months a year
Test Location	MSU Testing Center – Beckley campus	MSU – Beckley campus	MSU Testing Center – Beckley campus	MSU Testing Center – Beckley campus	check with SAT
Test Duration	untimed	3.5 hours	3.5 hours	90 minutes	check with SAT
Test Format	computer	paper and pencil	paper and pencil	paper and pencil	paper and pencil
Calculators	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Score Reports	immediately	4-5 weeks	2 days	2 days	4-5 weeks