

Sample Placement Scenarios For Community Colleges Based on Smarter Balanced Placement Agreement

This process assumes that the process is student-initiated and that the student must provide a transcript showing completion of 12th grade courses. We currently don't know how scores will be distributed to higher education but we do know that the state knows that higher education needs to receive these scores. Currently we are listing completing a readiness course and then retesting on Smarter Balanced as the demonstration of college readiness for those at 1 or 2. Should we expand to include a generic statement as "other scores on assessments agreed upon by each college?"

Would it be possible to charge a nominal transcribing fee in lieu of placement fees (if any) to offset the transcripts that need further review?

Mathematics:

Student Score	12 th grade work	Community College Placement Decision	Is there currently a process in place?	What additional work will be needed?
Level 4	AP,IB	Student does not take placement test	Yes	None
Level 4	Dual Credit	Student does not take placement test	Yes	None
Level 4	Non credit-bearing (pre-calc, etc.)	Student does not take placement test	No	Student is offered placement into entry level courses such as 105 and 111 but will need to use local processes to enter higher courses. Because this is a small number of students (about 11%) and because they are likely on the 4-year trajectory, this may not be seen often. The amount of analysis required by an evaluator will depend on any requirements we develop around the implementation (i.e. the course must be Algebra 2 or above).
Level 4	None	Student takes placement test	N/A	None One of the conditions is taking work in 12 th grade. It is unlikely a student would bring a transcript for review if he or she had no 12 th grade math.
Level 3	AP,IB	Student does not take placement test	Yes	None
Level 3	Dual Credit	Student does not take placement test	Yes	None

Level 3	Non credit-bearing (pre-calc, etc.)	Student does not take placement test	No	<p>Student is offered placement into entry level courses such as 105 and 111 but will need to use local processes to enter higher courses.</p> <p>Community Colleges will have to verify grade is B or above on 12th grade course in mathematics. The amount of analysis required by an evaluator will depend on any requirements we develop around the implementation (i.e. the course must be Algebra 2 or above).</p>
Level 3	None	Student takes placement test	N/A	<p>None</p> <p>One of the conditions is taking work in 12th grade. It is unlikely a student would bring a transcript for review if he or she had no 12th grade math.</p>
Level 2	Successful completion of transition course/college readiness intervention that allows the student to get a 3 or above on SB retest or equivalent equivalent score on approved alternative college readiness assessment?	Student does not take placement	No	<p>Community colleges will have to verify a 3 or above on SB retest and completion of 12th grade readiness course/intervention. Work also needs to be done to develop transition courses (which could have a common name and numbering system) and to identify other acceptable scores on other readiness measures, if applicable.</p>
Level 2	None	Student takes placement test	Yes	None
Level 1	Successful completion of transition course/college	Student does not take placement	No	<p>Level 1 students have minimal understanding of the content. It is possible that a student will make progress and land at a level 2, but less likely he or she will land at level 3 or above.</p>

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Level 4	Non credit-bearing (pre-calc, etc.)	Student does not take placement test	No	Offer Writing 121 or equivalent. Since there are four years of high school English required, do community colleges need to do any verification?
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Level 3	Dual Credit	Student does not take placement test	Yes	None
Level 3	Non credit-bearing	Student does not take placement test	No	Student is offered placement in WR121 or equivalent if he or she receives a B or better in a senior year English course.
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