



## Re-Taking a Placement Test

Incoming freshmen or transfer students who wish to re-take a placement test can do so after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. A tentative schedule of retake dates is listed at the end of this announcement.

Students are permitted to re-take the WritePlacer test only one additional time if they scored less than 4. Students are permitted to re-take the Elementary Algebra placement test one additional time if they scored less than 81. There is no need for students to re-take the Reading comprehension placement test because the results do not preclude a student from taking any college level course. No retake tests will be administered until after orientation, when all students will be given a schedule, listing the Math and English course they are eligible to take, based on high school adjusted GPA, declared college major, and placement test results. Once a student receives their fall course schedule, at orientation in June, the student may sign up to re-take a placement test if a passing score would change their course placement in Math or English. For many majors, a student will be placed in the first college math course required of their major if their adjusted high school GPA is a 2.7 or higher, even if the student does not pass the math placement test. This is why re-take tests occur after orientation, when a student officially learns of their placement into fall courses.

Historically, the testing center has found that students who do not put in 20-30 hours of preparation/studying for the algebra placement test rarely score more than 5 points higher or lower than their first placement test. The test is very robust; it is a very good indicator of one's ability to apply the algebraic concepts required in order to succeed in more rigorous math courses at the college level. Re-taking a placement test without putting forth significant preparation is not likely to produce a passing grade, therefore the Testing Center strongly urges students to spend a significant portion of time reviewing and practicing the concepts covered on the test before re-taking it.

The links below provide information on the topics covered on the Write Placer and Algebra tests as well as practice problems. Students are only given one additional chance to take these tests; it is our strong recommendation that you use this second chance wisely and put forth significant time preparing.

The two URLs which describe the tests are:

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/sites/default/files/accuplacer-sample-questions-for-students.pdf>

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/inside-the-test>

Another good website for practice tests is:

<https://uniontestprep.com/accuplacer-test/practice-test>

Summer Re-take Placement Test Dates:

These dates will be available for reservations in early July. You will not be able to reserve a spot until then. Students who attempt to reschedule another test date before July, will be denied access to the test when they arrive on campus to re-take it.

Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm

Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 4 pm

Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm

Thursday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am

Wednesday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Thursday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm

Tuesday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Thursday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 9 am

Wednesday, Aug 22 at 1:30 pm

Additional re-take dates will be established during the first week of classes in September, in plenty of time for students to switch classes before the add/drop period ends. These dates will be announced in August.