

Developmental Education & Placement Testing

St. Petersburg College must assess college-level reading, writing, and mathematics skills for entering students considered non-exempt (students who graduated from a private high school, earned a GED, earned their diploma as a home-schooled student, graduating from a Florida public high school on or before 2007 or starting 9th grade before the 2003-04 academic year, or earned their high school diploma from outside the state of Florida).

The best way for SPC to assess college readiness in reading, writing and mathematics is through the Post-Secondary Education Readiness Test (PERT).

If a student is unable to take the PERT, alternative methods for determining college readiness may be used and are listed below. If a student does not demonstrate college readiness either by the PERT or one of the Alternative Methods below, the student is required to enroll in the associated developmental education course(s) to improve his or her skills.

Reading/Writing Alternative Methods to Determine Readiness for College Work for Non-Exempt students			
Alternative Methods	Type of Criteria	Criteria	Likely College Ready
1	Course Completion and GPA	Completion of 2.5 credits of HS Foreign Language	Grade of A, B, or C
2	Course Completion and GPA	Completion of higher-level High School Science Courses including Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. If Earth Science was the highest-level science course completed in High School, the student would not meet this alternative method to determine college readiness in Communications.	Grade of A, B, or C

3	Course Completion and GPA	Subject Area English GPA = 3.2 or greater and HS unweighted GPA = 3.0 or greater.	
4	GED College-Ready Score	Test-takers who score in the GED College Ready level (165-174) demonstrate the skills needed to start college-level courses and should qualify for waivers from placement testing or developmental education.	

Mathematics Alternative Methods to Determine Readiness for College Work for Non-Exempt students			
Alternative Methods	Type of Criteria	Criteria	Likely College Ready
1	Course Completion	MATH COLL. READINESS HS Course	Grade of A or B
2	Course Completion	AP or IB Math Course	1 or more units earned with A, B, or C
3	Course Completion	Honors Math Course	2.5 or more units earned with A, B, or C
4	Course Completion and GPA	Subject Area Math* GPA = 3.0 or greater <i>and</i> HS unweighted GPA = 3.0 or greater	
5	Assessments within last 2 years	SAT Math Subtest	480 for 3-digit score or 24 for two-digit score
6	Assessments within last 2 years	ACT Test - Math subtest (181)	19 or higher
7	GED College-Ready Score	Test-takers who score in the GED College Ready level (165-174) demonstrate the skills needed to start college-level courses and should qualify for waivers from placement testing or developmental education.	
		<i>*Math for College Readiness, AP/IB Math Courses and Honors Math Courses</i>	