Course Placement FAQ

Can we use the high school GPA if the student graduated more than ten years prior to enrollment?

Yes, you can. High school GPA can be used for any student who graduated from a valid United States high school in any year. GPA cannot be used for students who graduated from a foreign high school.

If a student's high school GPA is below the 2.80 range, can they take the EdReady Placement Test to try to improve their course placement?

Yes, they can. In this situation, a student will be allowed to take the placement test one time to try to improve their placement.

This option is not heavily promoted since it may not be in the best interest of the student. However, if there is reason to believe that the student's GPA is not reflective of their abilities, testing is an option. Some examples of these situations are that their GPA is close to the benchmark, they experienced challenges (illness, family situations, etc.) that lowered their GPA but they performed well in English and math classes in high school, etc.

Can the high school GPA be used if the student graduated from a foreign high school?

No, the GPA can only be used if they student graduated from a United States high school.

Can the high school GPA be used if the student graduated from a private school or a home school?

Yes, as long as the school was in the US, the GPA can be used regardless of whether it is a public, private or home school.

Can the high school GPA be used if the student earned an Adult High School Diploma?

Yes, as long as the AHSD was earned in the US, the GPA can be used for placement.

Why do I see Part A and Part B scores for the EdReady Math Placement Test?

All test-takers will start with Part A of the Math test. Students who score 85 or lower do not take Part B. Students who score 86 or higher on Part A move to Part B. The score on Part B determines if MAT-143/MAT-152 Pathway students are required to take the support course and if MAT-171 Pathway students need MAT-035, MAT-171 with support or MAT-171 without support.

The English Placement Test only has one part.

If a student received an Occupational Course of Study diploma, can the GPA be used for course placement?

No, the GPA cannot be used for placement for students who graduated high school with an Occupational Course of Study diploma. These students should be placed in Developmental English and Math courses. Placement testing should not be encouraged for these students.

What is an Occupational Course of Study?

An Occupational Course of Study is a course of study that a student with disabilities may complete to graduate with a high school diploma in North Carolina. An Occupational Course of Study is a modified curriculum designed to meet the needs of a select group of students with disabilities. It focuses on post-school employment and independent living.

What is the difference between a GED, a HiSET and an Adult High School Diploma?

GED and HiSET are both types of high school equivalency diplomas. In order to obtain one of these diplomas, the student takes an exam consisting of several subjects (i.e., Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, etc.). Once the student passes each of the subjects, they are awarded the diploma. The number and names of subjects vary by type of diploma. This is typically the path taken by students who dropped out of high school early and are missing many high school credits.

An Adult High School Diploma is awarded to students who complete the classes that they did not complete while in high school. This is typically completed at a community college or an adult learning center. This is typically the path taken by students who dropped out of high school but were not missing too many high school credits.

Why do students who received a GED prior to 2014 have to take the placement test but those who received one in 2014 or later do not?

The GED test was revised in 2014. There is no concordance table available for the older versions of the GED test. Therefore, GED scores prior to 2014 cannot be used for testing waivers.

Why is there not a year distinction on the HiSET?

The HiSET test was released in 2014 and has not undergone a redesign. Therefore, there is no need to distinguish the year it was earned.

If a student received a GED prior to 2014 or graduated from a foreign high school but they want to take the Developmental English and Math classes, are they required to test?

No. Students can choose to enroll in Developmental classes without testing.

I have seen BSP-4002 and BSP-4003 courses on a record. What are those classes?

BSP-4002 and BSP-4003 are courses offered through the College and Career Readiness Department. These courses are equivalent to curriculum Transition classes (BSP-4002 = ENG-002; BSP-4003 = MAT-003) offered under RISE. The classes use the same grading scale as the curriculum classes (P1, P2 & P3).

What is CCRG?

CCRG (Career and College Ready Graduates) is an initiative developed by the NC Community College System (NCCCS) and the NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) designed to reduce the need for developmental education among high school graduates.

High school seniors who are deemed as not college ready are required to take CCRG English and/or math courses while in high school. Tier tests taken as part of these courses are made available to SCC and are entered into the students Colleague record.

How long are test scores valid?

The following test scores are valid for ten years from the date the test was taken:
- EdReady Placement Test
- RISE Placement Test
- ACT
- SAT
- NC_DAP

Classic ACCUPLACER test scores (CPT Sentence Skills, CPT Reading Comprehension, CPT Arithmetic and CPT Algebra) scores were only valid for three years. Therefore, these tests are no longer valid.

If a student passed a gateway math course, are they required to take a support course with other math courses?

This depends on the math course.
- If the student passed MAT-143 and MAT-043/045Q, they can take MAT-152 without a support course.
- If the student passed MAT-152 and MAT-052/045S, they can take MAT-143 without a support course.
- If the student passed MAT-171, they can take MAT-143 or MAT-152 without a support course.
- If the student passed MAT-143 or MAT-152, they can take MAT-171 but must also take MAT-045P.

If a student has previously earned a degree, is testing required?

If a student has earned an Associate Degree or a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited institution, they are waived from testing. An official copy of the transcript demonstrating the degree must be on file in order to award waivers.

What is the Retest Policy?

The EdReady Placement Test is valid for ten calendar years. During this time period, students who are required to take the placement test may retake each test tier one time.

Students who graduated from a US high school, received an Adult High School Diploma, received a GED in 2014 or later or received a HiSET diploma are not required to take the placement test but may opt to take the EdReady Placement Test once per part to improve course placement if desired.

A minimum of two weeks is required between the initial test and the retest to allow time for review of the testing material and completion of the required Study Pathway.

This policy will also apply to all test scores submitted from other institutions.

What if a student took developmental coursework in the past?

Use the chart below to determine placement based on previous developmental coursework.

Developmental Coursework			
RISE	**DRE/DMA**	**ENG/RED/MAT**	**Course Placement**
----	DRE-096	----	ENG-002 or BSP-4002
ENG-002 or BSP-4002, Grade = P1	DRE-097	----	ENG-110 or ENG-111 + ENG-011
ENG-002 or BSP-4002, Grade = P2	DRE-098	ENG-090 & RED-090 <u>or</u> ENG-095	ENG-110 or ENG-111 without ENG-011
MAT-003 or BSP-4003, Grade = P1	DMA-010 - DMA-030	MAT-060	MAT-110 MAT-143 + MAT-043 MAT-152 + MAT 052
MAT-003 or BSP-4003, Grade = P2	DMA-010 - DMA-050	MAT-070	MAT-110 MAT-143 - without MAT-043 MAT-152 - without MAT-052 MAT-171 with MAT 071
MAT-003 or BSP-4003, Grade = P3	DMA-010 - DMA-080	MAT-080	Gateway Math – without support