Procedures for Placement Testing

Students must have completed an application to Walla Walla Community College and have a Student Identification Number issued prior to taking the Compass Placement or Asset Placement test. Students wishing to attend another college may take the Compass Placement test at WWCC and have their scores sent to another campus. In these cases a social security number may be used for placement testing and a $10 testing fee will apply payable to WWCC Business Services.

Students will be required to complete the entire Compass Placement test and may not request to take portions of the exam. Exceptions to this procedure are only made if the student has received permission to retest by the Coordinator of Testing.

Any student who does not score into English 101 by their Compass results will be given an additional writing test. These writing samples are evaluated by faculty in the English department. Once a student has completed and received placement via a writing sample, they will not be permitted to retake any portion of the writing placement test for either one quarter (college students), or one semester (high school students). Any student wishing to challenge their English placement must submit a written request to the Coordinator of Testing. Request forms are available from the Testing Staff.

Students may challenge placement in Math courses by taking copies of high school or college transcripts to instructors in the math department for review and placement recommendations. Any student wishing to retake the Math portion of the Compass Placement test must submit a written request to the Coordinator of Testing. Request forms are available from the Testing Staff.

Retests are most appropriate in two situations: 1) when factors other than the student’s ability are believed to have influenced the previous test, and 2) when the scores obtained from earlier testing are no longer believed to reflect the student’s current ability. Retest fees are $10 per testing session payable to WWCC Business Services. Once enrolled in a Math or English course sequence they will not be permitted to retake those portions of the Compass Placement test. Students who want to take courses out of sequence must make those requests through faculty.

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