



COLUMBUS STATE
TESTING SERVICES

Placement Testing

Columbus State & Whitehall City Schools

Contact Ms. Wilson if you have any questions!

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INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Once you have applied for admission and been accepted, your next step is placement testing in order to be ready to register. Your options for placement testing are:

- Qualifying ACT or SAT scores, or official transcripts with qualifying college credit can be used for college course placement.
- In lieu of taking the ACCUPLACER reading and writing placement, you will be considered ready to register if you have a 3.0 GPA, (this will be verified by CSCC with staff from the high school);
- If you want to take math courses, you will need to take the ALEKS Placement Test.

Accessing ACT Scores

Placement Test	ACT	SAT (March 2016 & Later)
Math Placement Test	Math 22	Math 510
Writing Placement Test	English 18	Evidence based Reading and Writing 490
Reading Placement Test	Reading 22	
Science Readiness Assessment	Science 22	Composite Score 980

If you have taken the ACT test, and have qualifying scores, you can access your ACT scores several ways:

- If time permits, you can contact www.actstudent.org and request that official ACT scores be sent to CSCC (school code: 3261).
- You can authorize ACT to deliver scores to CSCC.
- You can access www.actstudent.org, login to your account, print unofficial ACT Summary Sheets, e-mail it to Ms. Wilson (wilsona@wcsrams.org), she will get it to CSCC.

IF YOU NEED TO TAKE THE ALEKS PLACEMENT TEST

What is the ALEKS math placement test?

ALEKS is the platform used to administer the math placement test. The test consists of approximately 30 open-response questions and is an adaptive test that targets individual student knowledge gaps.

Do all CCP students have to complete this assessment?

No! You are only required to the ALEKS Placement test if you who wish to take college-level math, statistics, or a course with a math prerequisite like economics, chemistry, or physics.

How long does the math placement test take?

The math placement test is not timed. You may take as much time as needed. Most students will take approximately ninety minutes to complete this test.

Are you permitted to use a calculator on the math placement test?

External calculators are NOT permitted on the math placement test; however, you will have access to a calculator provided within the testing platform for use on specific test questions.

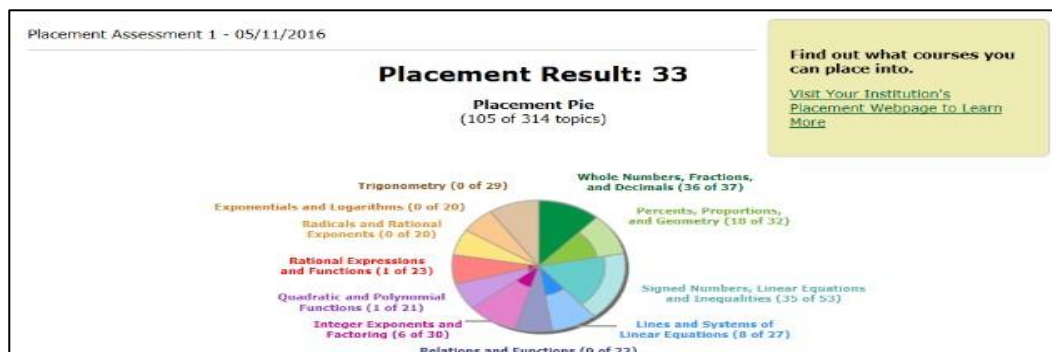
When will you get your results?

You will receive the math placement score immediately. SCORES MUST BE PRINTED AT COMPLETION OF THE TEST.

College-Ready Math Placement Score: 46 or above

What is the ALEKS pie?

When you complete your first math placement test, a pie chart will be generated that is reflective of his/her strengths and areas for improvement within 314 mathematical topics. Using this score report, ALEKS generates a Prep and Learning module for the next step of the process.



Reviewing for the Placement Tests

Placement tests are very important and should be taken seriously. These tests serve as a gateway to educational opportunities for you. We strongly encourage you to take the time to review prior to taking the math skills prior to taking the placement tests.

Your scores will determine whether you are eligible to participate in the K-12 programs offered at your school.

TO STUDY: Use your ALEKS class program! In addition, here are some additional sites.

www.math.com

www.purplemath.com

www.sosmath.com

www.algebrahelp.com

Tips for Taking the Placement Test

General test taking tips

- Relax! The placement test is designed to help you succeed in school.
- Get plenty of rest and eat properly before the test.
- Be sure you understand the directions for each test before the test session begins. Ask questions if the directions are unclear.
- Read each question carefully until you understand what the question is asking. If answering an item requires several steps, be sure you consider them all.
- Review each question before submitting your answer-- don't be afraid to change an answer if you believe that your first choice was wrong.
- Take your time! All of the placement tests are untimed.
- Work at a comfortable pace and don't worry about other testers.
- Use the process of elimination to answer questions.
- Use the draft paper provided to write an outline or draft of your essay before typing.

Tips for the math placement test

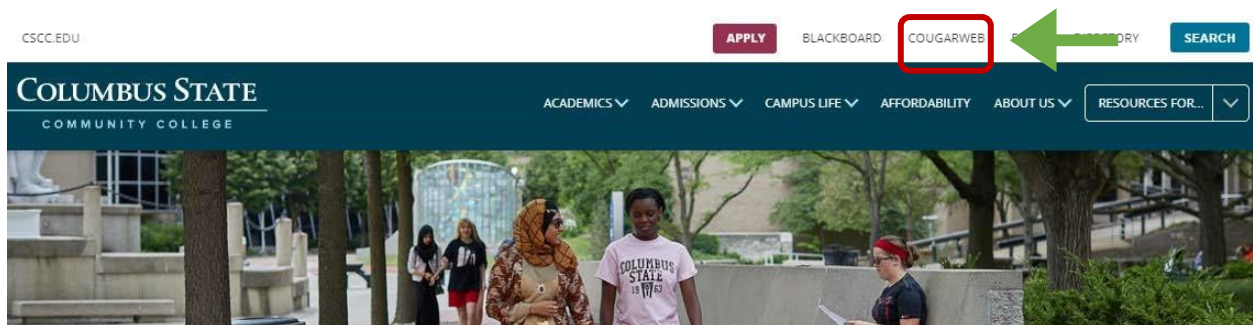
- Take your time!
- The ALEKS math test is responsive pushing you up levels of difficulty as you get answers correct. The more consecutive questions you get right, the higher the level.
- Use your calculator to your advantage when it is provided for your use throughout the test.
- Know your formulas.
- Know how to plug numbers into an equation/expression.
- Know how to factor.

WHEN YOU ARE READY TO TEST:

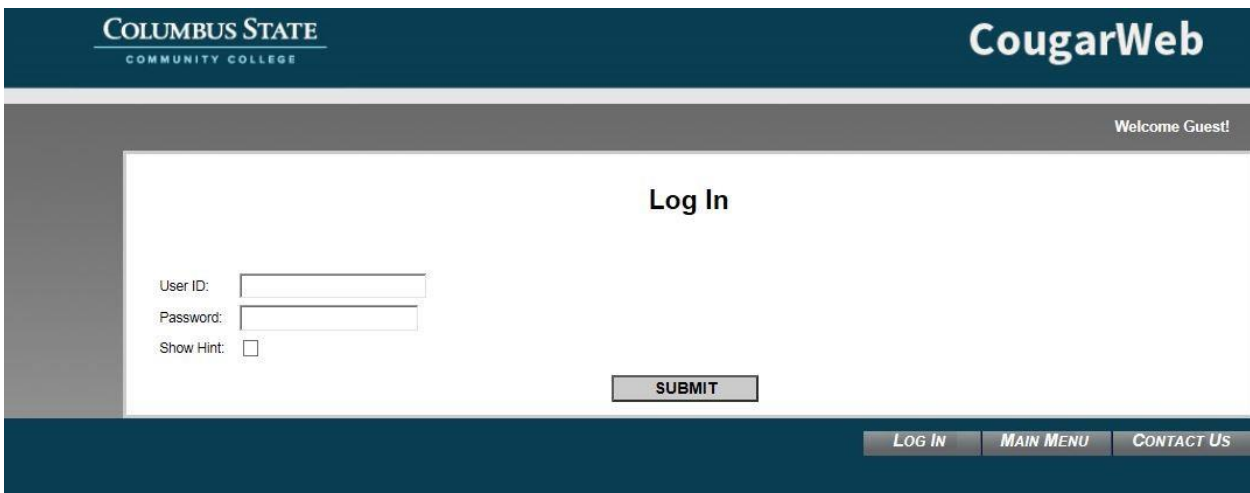
Launching an ALEKS Math Placement Test

Students who wish to complete the ALEKS Math Placement Test will need their Columbus State Username and Password in order to access this assessment.

Step 1: Go to www.csc.edu and click on the COUGARWEB button at the top of the page.



Step 2: Students enter their CSCC username and password and click the SUBMIT button.



Step 3: Under the Placement Testing Header, click on the TAKE THE ALEKS MATH PLACEMENT TEST link.

Step 4: You will now be on the ALEKS site. Click on the COLLEGE CREDIT + STUDENTS link.

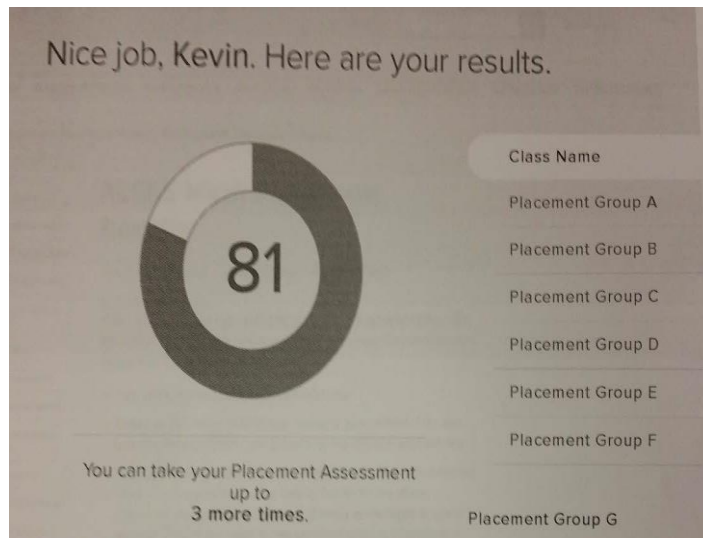
Step 5: Your most recent ALEKS pie will be displayed. On the lower left side of the screen, under the Placement Assessment header, click the START button.

Step 6: You will be taken through several pages of important information, reminders, and tutorials for completing the math placement test.

Step 7: You will complete the math placement test.

After Students Complete the ALEKS Math Placement Test

When you complete your test, a screen will appear with a new “pie” and your placement score. This score report should be printed directly from this page, following the computer’s printing function and prompts. If you can’t print, take a screen and send via email to: wilsona@wcsrams.org



Score Submission to Columbus State

All ALEKS scores are automatically uploaded into the student’s Columbus State student record. The Columbus State Testing Center staff will verify all score uploads daily.

RETESTING PROCESS

Can the math placement test be retaken?

Yes! If you wish to retake the math placement test may do so 4 times within the academic year (July 1 – June 30). In order to retake the math placement test, the student must complete 5 hours of work in his/her personalized Prep and Learning Plan in order to open the next assessment attempt. The Prep and Learning Plan, along with the ALEKS Pie, are generated immediately after completion of the first math placement test.

What is the Prep and Learning Plan?

Upon completion of the initial proctored assessment, a personalized Prep and Learning Plan is generated for the student. This is a self-paced program that helps you refresh and refine your mathematical skills prior to the taking the next proctored placement test.

All students are required to complete FIVE (5) hours of Prep and Learning before they can take the proctored math placement test.

When and where does the student complete the work in the Prep and Learning Plan?

You may complete the required 5 hours of work in their Prep and Learning Plan at any time and on any computer with an internet connection.

Wait Period Prior to Retest

You are not to retest on the same day as their initial test. You must wait 24 hours before retesting.