Running Start College–Level Placement Options

College-level English OR math placement is required to participate in the Running Start program at North Seattle College. **Please check northseattle.edu/testing for information on how to take North's placement tests during campus remote operations due to Covid-19.**

Option	Description	Required Placement Score or Grade
North Seattle College's English Self-Directed Placement (DSP)	Self-reflection of student's abilities to determine English class placement. [Access the DSP here]().	English& 101 Placement
ALEKS Math Placement Test (Math score valid 1 year)	Standardized test taken at Seattle Central College for placement into specific math courses. Link to ALEKS instructions.	Placement into any college-level math class 100-level and above.
Smarter Balanced (SBAC)	Standardized test taken at the high school in 11th grade. *Note: this test hasn't been offered by the State during COVID.*	ELA - English Language Assessment: Level 3 or higher Math Assessment: Level 3 or higher w/ applicable grades on high school transcript
SAT English placement Limited math placement (English score valid 2 years, Math score valid 12 months)	Standardized exam taken at high school or other location.	English& 101 Placement: Combined Reading/Writing score 510 or higher Math: Minimum score 520 (Math& 107 only option based on SAT score)
ACT English or math placement (English score valid 2 years, Math score valid 12 months)	Standardized exam taken at high school or other location.	English& 101 Placement: Reading score 19 or above AND English score 19 or above Math: Minimum score 22
Unofficial Transcript from a college or university	Student was awarded credit at a college or university for college-level English (within past 2 years) or math (within past 12 months).	Provide copy of unofficial transcript to determine English and/or math placement.
Seattle Public Schools High School Transcript *Math Placement Only	A student who has taken specific math courses at a Seattle Public School may be qualified to use their transcript to place into college-level math.	Provide copy of Seattle Public Schools unofficial transcript to determine math placement. Placement varies based on course and grade ([details here]())
AP (Advanced Placement) or IB (International Baccalaureate) Exam Scores	A student who has taken AP/IB exams in specific subjects.	Provide a copy of AP/IB exam scores. Scores must be evaluated by Running Start office.

- *Students needing accommodations for North Seattle College placement testing should contact the Disability Services office prior to testing. Disability Services: ds@seattlecolleges.edu or 206-934-3697
- **Placement measures from other colleges** may be accepted. Please provide a copy of placement tool from other college for evaluation by Running Start advisor.

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Information on North Seattle College's English and Math Placement Options during Remote Operations

How to Take the Test(s)

- Apply to North Seattle College and receive a student ID number
- Email the Testing Center at nsctesting@seattlecolleges.edu: include your full name, student ID number and request to take the English and/or math placement test
- Within 2 business days, you will receive directions on how to access and complete the placement tests
- Placement tests cost $35 (for both English and math). You must pay in order access your test results. You can pay at https://mynorth.seattlecolleges.edu/ - log in with your student ID number and PIN, click "MyNorth" and then click "Pay Tuition". If you're eligible for free/reduced lunch at high school, please email nsccrstart@seattlecolleges.edu to request a waiver for the testing fee.

English Self-Directed Placement

- Untimed, takes a student approx. 15 minutes
- This is not a test. This is a tool to help students determine their ability in English and guides the student on determining which class-level will be most for the student.

Math Placement Test

- Standardized test taken at Seattle Central College for placement into specific math courses.
- Link to ALEKS instructions
- 2 hour time limit for each attempt
- You are allowed one retake

Results

- Once you have accessed your results, please document your test result on the 1st page of the application in step #4.

If you have further questions about the English or math placement tests, please visit the testing center website northseattle.edu/testing or contact nsctesting@seattlecolleges.edu.

Running Start & Seattle Public Schools Course Equivalencies

Seattle Public Schools High School Graduation Requirement	North Seattle College Equivalency
English/Language Arts English 11A & B English 12A & B	English 101- 11th or 12th Grade English 102 Any other 100-level English course (literature, creative writing, etc.)
U.S. History 11A 11B	HIST& 146 or 147 HIST& 147 or 148
Washington State History	HIST& 214-Pacific NW History
American Government	POLS& 202
Occupational Education	Accounting, Business, IT courses *Other courses may be approved by High School Counselor
Fine Arts	Any Art, Music or Drama classes 100-level or above
Math	Any Math class 100-level or above
Science	Any Science class 100-level or above
Health & Fitness	HEA 150 NUTR& 101 (with approval)
PE	Any PE course 100-level or above

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NSC Map

Running Start office is located within Student Success Services on the 2nd Floor of the College Center Building

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- Ⓥ VISITOR PARKING
- ♿ DISABLED PARKING
- 🛡 SECURITY

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WELLNESS CENTER (WC)

EDUCATION BUILDING (ED)

ARTS & SCIENCES (AS)

HEALTH SCIENCES & STUDENT RESOURCES (HSSR)

OPPORTUNITY CENTER (OC)

INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING (IB)

COLLEGE CENTER (CC)

LIBRARY (LB)

ADMINISTRATION

🛡 Security

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Child Care

N. 97th

COLLEGE WAY NORTH

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