Navarro College Dual Credit Testing Requirements

College Placement Testing

As part of the Student Success Initiative, Texas state law requires that students be tested in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics prior to enrolling in academic courses. Acceptable tests now include Compass, Accuplacer, THEA, and Quick THEA. Navarro College administers the Accuplacer and Quick THEA tests. Check with each campus to find out which test is available. The Accuplacer test is approximately a three hour test that costs $29.00. If the students wish to retest, the Accuplacer test can be taken again upon availability of space; however, the student must pay each time he or she takes a test. Students should take the placement test at least one week prior to enrollment to ensure that results are available for registration. Students may also qualify for dual credit classes through their 10th or 11th grade TAKS scores as indicated in the TAKS Dual Credit Course Eligibility section below.

Testing Exemptions for Academic Transfer Courses

Some students may be exempt from taking the placement test based on ACT, SAT, or TAKS scores:

**ACT:** Composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on both English and Mathematics taken within five years. Students may be exempted by area if the test was taken within the past five years.

**SAT:** Combined critical reading (or verbal) and mathematics score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on both critical reading (or verbal) and mathematics taken within five years. Students may be exempted by area if the test was taken within the past five years.

**Tenth or Eleventh Grade TAKS:** An English/Language arts score of 2200 or higher with a writing sub score of 3 will exempt students from the Reading and Writing parts of the placement test, while a Math Score of 2200 or higher will exempt them from the Math portion of the placement test. The test must be taken within three years.

*Students who are exempt from one part of the placement test will be required to take the college placement test in the other areas prior to enrolling for related college courses. Students must have proof of exemption on file at the time of testing, or they will be required to take the entire placement test.*

College Placement Test Waivers

**TAKS results:** Students may be temporarily waived from taking parts of the placement test. A placement test may be taken in whole or in part by students who do not have the required scores. Students who are waived from placement testing based on the Tenth grade TAKS scores will be waived from placement testing until graduation from high school as long as they take dual credit classes in the Eleventh grade. Upon graduation, the students may be required to meet above exemption standards or take a college placement examination.

TAKS Dual Credit Course Eligibility

Students must pass one of the above entrance exams or make the following scores on the tenth or eleventh grade TAKS to be eligible for the relevant courses as indicate below:

**English/Language Arts:** Scores of 2200 or higher with a writing sub score of 3 will qualify a student to take any college-level course, with prior completion of appropriate prerequisites, other than math courses.

**Math:** Score of 2200 or higher will qualify a student to take any college-level math course, with prior completion of appropriate prerequisites.

**Career and Technical Courses:** A score of 2100 must be achieved on the Mathematics section and/or the English/Language Arts (sub-score of 2) section on the tenth or eleventh grade TAKS.

While still in high school, students are neither required nor allowed to enroll in developmental classes prescribed by the placement test. *However, if students do not pass all sections of the test before graduating from high school, they may be required to enroll in developmental courses after high school graduation.*

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