

# Placement Guide

## Option 1: High School GPA - GPA is valid for 5 years

| HIGH SCHOOL MATH GPA<br>2.80 or higher                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | HIGH SCHOOL MATH GPA<br>2.79 or lower                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><i>Enrollment is allowed in the following college-level math courses:</i></p> <p>MAT 110 - Math for Liberal Arts<br/>MAT 140 - Finite Math<br/>MAT 157 or MAT 156 - Statistics<br/>MAT 120 or MAT 121 - College Algebra<br/>MAT 127 - College Algebra &amp; Trigonometry</p> | <p>Enrollment is allowed in the following <i>math</i> courses:</p> <p>MAT 054 - Math Strategies</p> <p><i>*Continue to Option 2 for accurate placement</i></p>      |
| HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH GPA<br>2.80 or higher                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH GPA<br>2.79 or lower                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Enrollment is allowed in the following college-level English course:</p> <p>ENG 105 - Composition I</p>                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Enrollment is allowed in the following <i>English</i> course:</p> <p>ENG 035 - Writing Strategies</p> <p><i>*Continue to Option 2 for accurate placement</i></p> |

### Placement policies and guidelines:

- Student must have completed junior year of high school to use high school GPA in placement.
  - Students who took high school level math as an 8th grader may have their math GPA calculated after sophomore year is complete. These grades must be listed on the official high school transcript.
  - Transcripts must be sent directly to Iowa Lakes (by email or mail) from a designated high school staff member. Transcripts sent from the student, parent, or non-school staff will not be accepted.
- Placement is based on current or final high school GPA (does not include courses currently enrolled in).
- Option 1 *cannot* be used for the following students: international, high school equivalency, or homeschooled students.
  - A placement test score or previous college-level math and writing course(s) is required. (All transcripts must be in English.)
- GPA is determined by finding the average of all approved courses completed in each area.
  - 4.0 scale is used, where A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0
  - + and - grades do not affect GPA; only whole letter grade is used.
  - Pass/fail grades will *not* be used.
- Math GPA *cannot* include pre-math, consumer math, applied, foundations/basic, accounting, or financial math courses.
- Students who hold an associate degree or higher will be placed into college-level English and math courses (*no placement scores or GPA required*).
- Placement exam required for enrollment into Calculus courses (*use the Option 2 score sheet*).
- Note:* Individual programs may require placement exam scores for admission into their program.

## Option 2: Placement Test Score

| <b>ACC<br/>(Next Gen)<br/>Writing</b> | <b>ACT<br/>English</b> | <b>SAT<br/>(1600)<br/>Writing &amp; Language</b> | <b>Classes</b>               |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 200-249                               | 1-16                   | 10-23                                            | ENG 035 - Writing Strategies |
| 250-300                               | 17-36                  | 24+                                              | ENG 105 - Composition I      |

| <b>ACC<br/>(Next Gen)<br/>Reading</b> | <b>ACT<br/>Reading</b> | <b>SAT<br/>(1600)<br/>Reading</b> | <b>Classes</b>                         |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 200-244                               | 1-15                   | 10-23                             | RDG 031 - Intro. to College Reading II |
| 245-300                               | 16-36                  | 24+                               | RDG 120 - College Reading              |

| <b>ACC<br/>(Next Gen)<br/>Arithmetic</b> | <b>ACT<br/>Math</b> | <b>SAT<br/>(1600)<br/>Math</b> | <b>Classes</b>                        |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 200-249                                  | 1-18                | 10-25.5                        | MAT 054 - Math Strategies             |
| 250-300                                  | -                   | -                              | *Take QAS test for accurate placement |

| <b>ACC<br/>(Next Gen)<br/>Quantitative<br/>Reasoning, Algebra,<br/>&amp; Stats (QAS)</b> | <b>ACT<br/>Math</b> | <b>SAT<br/>(1600)<br/>Math</b> | <b>Classes</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 200-249                                                                                  | 1-18                | 10-25.5                        | MAT 054 - Math Strategies OR MAT 743 - Technical Math                                                                                                                                |
| 250-269                                                                                  | 19-21               | 26-28                          | MAT 110 - Math for Liberal Arts                                                                                                                                                      |
| 270-300                                                                                  | 22-36               | 28.5+                          | MAT 129 - Pre-Calculus<br>MAT 140 - Finite Math<br>OR MAT 156, MAT 157, BUS 211 - Statistics<br>OR MAT 120, MAT 121 - College Algebra<br>OR MAT 127 - College Algebra & Trigonometry |

| <b>ACC<br/>(Next Gen)<br/>Advanced Algebra<br/>&amp; Functions (AAF)</b> | <b>ACT<br/>Math</b> | <b>SAT<br/>(1600)<br/>Math</b> | <b>Classes</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 200-240                                                                  | 1-18                | 10-25.5                        | MAT 054 - Math Strategies OR MAT 743 - Technical Math<br>*Take QAS test for accurate placement                                                                                       |
| 241-250                                                                  | 19-21               | 26-28                          | MAT 110 - Math for Liberal Arts                                                                                                                                                      |
| 251-260                                                                  | 22-23               | 28.5-30.5                      | MAT 129 - Pre-Calculus<br>MAT 140 - Finite Math<br>OR MAT 156, MAT 157, BUS 211 - Statistics<br>OR MAT 120, MAT 121 - College Algebra<br>OR MAT 127 - College Algebra & Trigonometry |
| 261-300                                                                  | 24-36               | 31-40                          | MAT 211 - Calculus I                                                                                                                                                                 |

All Placement Scores are Valid for 5 Years (this includes Accuplacer, ACT, and SAT)