

Council of Presidents

REPRESENTING WASHINGTON'S PUBLIC BACCALAUREATE INSTITUTIONS

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

MATHEMATICS

In recognition of the achievements of high school students who have demonstrated their readiness for college-level course work, the undersigned universities agree to exempt from remedial coursework in mathematics, without further placement testing, students who:

1. Earn a Level 3 or 4 on the 11th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in Mathematics, and
2. Complete the minimum admissions requirement of a quantitative course in the 12th grade, and
3. Enroll in a college-level course that fulfills a quantitative requirement (also known as QSR) as specified by each university, excluding pre-calculus and calculus level college courses, during the first year following high school graduation.

Students who achieve Level 3 or Level 4 may enroll in more advanced mathematics courses through university placement testing.

ENGLISH

Similarly, the undersigned universities agree to exempt from remedial coursework in English composition, without further placement testing, students who:

1. Earn a Level 3 or Level 4 on the 11th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts,
2. Complete the fourth-year of the minimum admission requirement in English, and
3. Enroll in a college-level English composition course during the first year following high school graduation.

At each university, students achieving at Level 3 or 4 will be eligible to enroll directly in an English 101, or equivalent, course that meets a general education English/writing requirement.

This agreement will apply to the high school graduating classes of 2016 through 2018. It will be reviewed and renewed or revised formally in winter 2018 based on relevant data gathered on the Smarter Balanced assessment, including a) correlations with SAT/ACT scores, b) grade 12 student performance, and c) student performance on placement tests into and success in more advanced courses, especially pre-calculus, calculus, and other math courses.

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*The Evergreen State College does not require placement testing or remedial classes for admitted students.