**CTC Placement Testing Responses During COVID-19 Pandemic**

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| **COLLEGE** | **RESPONSE** |
| Bates |  |
| Bellingham |  |
| Bellevue | Respondus, [ALEKS](https://www.aleks.com/) online system, high school transcripts. They are also trying to be as flexible as possible with how students get us the scores and the cutoff grades. |
| Big Bend | HS transcript placement. |
| Cascadia |  |
| Centralia |  |
| Clark | Using ALEKS free proctoring (fee waived) and multiple measures. |
| Clover Park | Suspended Accuplacer, using multiple measures or self-placement. |
| Columbia Basin |  |
| Edmonds | Alternative assessment placement (ACT, SAT, HS Transcript, SBA, AP, IB, TOEFL).  Use of *Examity* for Math placement (homegrown placement test).  Use of *Examity* for English placement (Accuplacer). Since Live Proctoring with *Examity* went down we have moved to a temporary English placement system devised by faculty, and managed by TAS via email.  RS students can also place with PSAT and Pre ACT scores. |
| Everett | Use of many alternative placement methods/multiple measures.   * Suspended Accuplacer and are trying to figure out ways to place students that don't qualify for with alternative placement. * Transitional Studies students- not offering CASAS, but instead, in a zoom meeting with an advisor, are getting assessed. |
| Grays Harbor |  |
| Green River | Green River is offering both placement assessments online (College Success Reading and WAMAP Math Entrance Exams) at no cost to students via [Proctor U](https://www.proctoru.com/).  Several options for non-assessment placement such as high school or college transcript review, Smarter Balanced Assessment scores, English HS GPA for graduates, AP and IB test scores, Placement Reciprocity, and more - all are detailed at [www.greenriver.edu/placement](http://www.greenriver.edu/placement).  Always encourage students to pursue one of these methods before taking one of our assessments. |
| Highline | Using multiple measures and sending students Directed Self placement with a Zoom appointment afterwards with an Assessment and Placement Advisor. For math, they are waiting for [Proctor U](https://www.proctoru.com/) to set up license for [MyMathTest](https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mymathtest/) to be given remotely.  If they decide on a self-placement option (still TBD), they are considering a disclaimer indicating that students can get 100% refund if students self-place into class that is too difficult for them. |
| Lake Washington | Using multiple measures and have become more lenient on how long placement scores are good for using reciprocity. Will accept placement scores that are older than 1 year during this time. Are accepting high school transcripts and Smarter Balanced Scores, even if they are older than the published acceptable time frame.  Trying to use any placement option possible before referring a student to the proctored Guided Self Placement. Guide Self Placement is proctored through Zoom for both Math and English. The Math portion of Guided Self Placement is done through WAMAP and the English portion is an essay prompt and response. |
| Lower Columbia College | Smarter Balanced Math & English placement  \* High School Transcripts placements for Math  \* GED Math placement  \* SAT Math placement  \* ABE Math placement  For placement exams, see the following:   * English placement is a Directed Self-Placement and has been available online for students for 2 years now. * Live Zoom proctoring for Math placement. They use MyMathLabs embedded in Canvas to proctor this exam |
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| North Seattle | During remote operations at North Seattle College we are using multiple measures for placement, and a Directed Self-Placement for English, which is an online tool. We are also launching a math placement tool developed by our math department that will be available online hosted through Canvas (set to launch very soon). |
| Peninsula |  |
| Pierce | Suspended use of in person assessments and are encouraging the use of multiple measures. Guided Self Placement for English and math can be completed remotely. Guided Self Placement is available for new Running Start students (qualifying for Fall 2020). |
| Renton |  |
| Seattle Central | Offering ALEKS math placement testing online as well as Directed Self-Placement for English. |
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| Shoreline | Using online Directed Self Placement (DSP) for English using Formstack and implemented remote proctoring via Honorlock for ALEKS math placement. Honorlock has an embedded fee which we are crediting back to student accounts. We also have multiple measures. |
| South Seattle | English DSP-At-Home to all students.  This includes the Promise Scholarship candidates.  All math examinees are linked to Seattle Central’s ALEKS-At-Home version with results posted to South’s Student Assessment Office.  The Office continues to analyze and post placement documents of over 17 alternative placement measures. |
| Spokane | Math faculty work with new students individually. |
| SPSCC | Self-placement, plus any additional information they can receive from the student. |
| Tacoma | Multiple measures, suspending Accuplacer. |
| Walla Walla |  |
| Wenatchee Valley | WVC has suspended Accuplacer testing for the time being. Continue to accept a variety of other recent documentation (within the last 3yrs) for placement (SBAC, ACT, SAT, AP, GED, and high school transcripts). Math Department had previously set up an online placement option via EdReady which they are using more heavily now and the Math Department is working to update and fine-tune. The English Department is starting to look at expanding the placement cut-scores on the current options to include Dev Ed placement. Still in the early stages of looking for alternate placement options if students do not have outside placement documents that meet our current requirements.  The English Department and Running Start did set some temporary placement options for high school students:   1. *Students with a HS GPA of 3.0 will automatically qualify for the program (will need to submit transcript).* 2. *Students with a HS GPA of 2.5 or higher, but lower than a 3.0, will need to complete an essay on Canvas. We will use the Accuplacer criteria to hand score these essays. We have the Accuplacer language for each Accuplacer score 1-5. (Ben is familiar with Accuplacer and he also teaches Dev English. Janna and Rebecca from the English dept. have been working with RS on this option) Rebecca and Janna have given RS a few  ideas for prompts that relate to academic plan.*    1. *Student will also need to turn in a HS transcript*    2. *Create an academic plan with one of us* 3. *Students can use PSAT score of 500 or higher.* |
| Whatcom | Informed self-placement in math; for math they are using existing robust local high school placement guidelines (HS Transcript Guide) combined with college course topic descriptions as a stand-in informed self-placement option with the assistance of a remote advisor. |
| Yakima | Using our alternatives (HS transcripts, SAT/ACT, SBAC). Now are having student’s take the DSP The Write Class at home. Still working on a remote math option.  As for Running Start students, multiple measures also apply, but using a different placement for their English, so waiting on a solution for that as well. |