



## **Policy 2-12 Addendum Placement Retest and Waiver/Exemption Criteria**

The following criteria will be used to determine automatic retest criteria for English, Reading, and Mathematics placement tests, as well as the general waiver criteria based on external examinations or experiences.

### **I. AUTOMATIC RETEST CRITERIA**

The following criteria will allow students to retake the mathematics section of the Compass Placement Test before the mandatory four month (or one semester guideline).

Mathematics Placement Test – Students who place into level 1 (MTH 02), who score within the range of 20 – 32 on the Compass Placement/Asset Test.

*There is no automatic retest opportunity for the English and reading sections of the placement test.*

### **II. PLACEMENT TEST WAIVERS**

#### **Writing:**

Students may be exempted from taking the writing portion of the placement test if they meet one of the following:

- Hold a degree from an accredited college
- Successfully completed an appropriate developmental writing course at another Virginia community college
- AP score of 3 or higher in English
- Received a writing placement recommendation above the developmental level from another college (Compass or Asset Placement Tests only)
- Transient students who submit an appropriately completed Transient Student Form
- Successfully completed a writing course equivalent to ENG 111 or higher
- Present a PSAT writing score of 52+
- Present an SAT writing score of 500+
- Present an ACT writing score of 19+

The SAT/PSAT or ACT tests must have been taken within one year prior to the requested test waiver.



### **Reading:**

Students may be exempted from taking the reading portion of the placement test if they meet one of the following:

- Hold a degree from an accredited college
- Successfully completed an appropriate developmental reading course at another Virginia community college
- AP score of 3 or higher on the English Language test
- Received a reading placement recommendation above the developmental level from another college (Compass or Asset Placement Tests only)
- Transient students who submit an appropriately completed Transient Student Form
- GPA of 2.5 for 9 or more general education credits at this college
- Have completed at least 9 credits of college-level work with a grade of C or better
- Present a PSAT critical reading score of 52+
- Present an SAT verbal or reading score of 500+
- Present an ACT reading score of 20+

The SAT/PSAT or ACT tests must have been taken within one year prior to the requested test waiver.

### **Mathematics:**

Students may be exempted from taking the mathematics portion of the placement test if they meet one of the following:

- Completed an appropriate developmental course at another Virginia community college
- Successfully completed a college level math course at another college equivalent to a college-level math course at JSRCC
- Transient students who submit an appropriately completed Transient Student Form
- Present a score of 20 or higher on the math portion of the ACT (and have high school prerequisite courses – see below)
- Present a score 500 or higher on the math portion of the SAT (and have high school prerequisite courses – see below)
- Present a score of 52 or higher on the math portion of the PSAT, if the SAT has not yet been taken, and have high school prerequisite courses (see below).

The following conditions must also be met for SAT or PSAT scores:



- A transcript review will be made to determine if the student earned an A or B in the highest level prerequisite course and at least a C in earlier prerequisite courses. The highest level prerequisite course must have been taken within the last two years.
- The SAT/PSAT tests must have been taken within one year prior to the requested course waiver

Students who waive the mathematics portion of the placement test may be placed into one of the following courses:

- MTH 115
- MTH 151
- MTH 163
- MTH 166
- MTH 170

Students who wish to take a math course higher than those courses listed above must take the mathematics portion of the placement test.

### **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

Students may be exempted from taking the ESL placement test if they meet one of the following:

- Hold a degree from an accredited college
- Are a native of one of the following countries:
  - Australia,
  - English speaking Canadian provinces,
  - English speaking Caribbean island nations,
  - the Republic of Ireland,
  - the United Kingdom,
  - New Zealand
- Entered the United States prior to middle school
- Received transfer credit for college-level composition (ENG 111)
- Earned the following scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
  - 550 (paper based), must have score of 5 on the Test of Written English
  - 213 (computer based), must have score of 5 on the Test of Written English
  - 80+ on Internet Based Test (IBT)
- Successfully completed an appropriate developmental writing course at another Virginia community college



- Successfully completed an appropriate developmental reading course at another Virginia community college
- Transient students who submit an appropriately completed Transient Student Form
- AP score of 3 or higher in English
- Received a writing placement recommendation above the developmental level from another college (Compass Placement Test only)
- GPA of 2.5 for 9 or more general education credits at this college
- Present a PSAT writing score of 52+
- Present an SAT writing score of 500+
- Present an ACT writing score of 19+

The SAT/PSAT or ACT tests must have been taken within one year prior to the requested test waiver.