



Placement Tests FAQs

Are the K12 placement tests “admission tests or entrance exams”?

No. While the K12 placement tests are required to finalize your student’s enrollment, the scores your student receives will in no way be used to determine your student’s acceptance into the school. Placement test results will be used to help determine your student’s course assignment.

Why is my student required to take the K12 placement tests for enrollment?

Using your student’s placement test scores helps us ensure that you and your student get the best possible start with your new school experience. K12 curriculum experts have worked to closely align the placement tests with the content covered in each course. We believe that the use of these tests maximizes student learning and growth time by placing your student in courses that are not too difficult or too easy.

Is it possible that my student will not be accepted if they fail or do poorly on the placement tests?

No. The scores your student receives will in no way be used to determine your student’s acceptance into the school. The K12 placement tests are not a measure of academic ability, but a tool to determine your student’s individual skill development needs.

Do I have to administer the placement tests to my student before I send in the enrollment paperwork?

No. You do not need to complete and score the K12 placement tests before you send in the enrollment paperwork. You do, however, need to submit your scores in order for your student’s courses to be assigned and your enrollment to be finalized.

How many tests will my student need to take?

Your student will take at least two assessments in each subject area. Because these are placement tests, students will need to take tests until they achieve mastery.

- Students in grades K–2 will take placement tests in Math and Reading. (This may mean Phonics depending on the student.)
- Students in grades 3–7 will take placement tests in Math, Reading, Language Skills, and Writing.

About how long will it take to administer the tests to my student?

The tests are not timed, but you should plan on about 20–30 minutes to complete each assessment. Your student may take breaks as necessary, but we recommend that you try to complete testing within a three-day period.



Which assessment should I give my student?

Below are some recommended starting points for each subject tested. It is, however, important to note that each child's learning needs and skill levels are different. You know your child best, so please use this information and your own judgment if you feel that our guidelines are not appropriate for your child.

Math:

- 5 or 6 years old, begin with Assessment 1.
- 7 years old, begin with Assessment 3.
- 8 years old, begin with Assessment 5.
- 9 years old, begin with Assessment 7.
- 10 years old, begin with Assessment 9.
- 11 years old, begin with Assessment 11.
- 12 years old or higher, begin with Assessment 13.

Reading:

- 5 years old this fall, give the Basic Phonics Assessment.
- 6 years old this fall, give the Advanced Phonics Assessment.
- 7 years old this fall, give Reading Assessment 1.
- 8 years old this fall, give Reading Assessment 2 Part A and Part B.
- 9 years old this fall, give Reading Assessment 3 Part A and Part B.
- 10 years old this fall, give Reading Assessment 4 Part A and Part B.
- 11 years old this fall, give Reading Assessment 5 Part A and Part B.
- 12 years old or higher this fall, give Reading Assessment 6.



Language Skills:

- 8 years old this fall, give Language Skills Assessment 1.
- 9 years old this fall, give Language Skills Assessment 2.
- 10 years old this fall, give Language Skills Assessment 3.
- 11 years old this fall, give Language Skills Assessment 4.
- 12 years old or higher this fall, give Language Skills Assessment 5.



Writing:

- 8 years old this fall, give the Writing Assessment 1
- 9 years old this fall, give the Writing Assessment 2.
- 10 years old this fall, give the Writing Assessment 3
- 11 years old this fall, give the Writing Assessment 4.
- 12 years old or higher this fall, give the Writing Assessment 5.



If your student did **NOT** master the first placement assessment you administered, give the next lower numbered assessment. If your student does not receive a mastery score on this assessment, take the next lower numbered assessment. Move backward one assessment at a time until your student achieves a mastery score.



If your student **DID** master the first placement assessment you administered, give the next higher numbered placement assessment, and continue until the score is below mastery.



What do I do once I score my student's assessment?

Parents should submit their students' scores online by clicking "Submit Results" on the "My Account Home" screen. This process will provide school staff with access to your student's scores and begin the placement process for your student.

What happens after I submit my students test scores online?

You will not receive an electronic confirmation after you submit your student's test scores. Your confirmation will come when you receive a call from a K12 placement team member to discuss your student's placement. You may receive an e-mail advising you to submit your student's scores online if you have not already done so. This is an automatically generated e-mail, so please disregard if you have already submitted your student's scores.

Who do I contact if I am having difficulty determining which tests to administer, scoring the tests, or submitting the scores online?

If you are having difficulty with the K12 placement tests, call toll free 1-888-YOUR K12 to speak to a K12 representative.

