Instructions for Challenging Placement into
DSPM 0700, DSPM 0800, or DSPM 0850

Who can challenge?
- A student who just took the Compass Test for the first time.
- A student who has successfully completed a level by finishing a course can challenge to the next level or levels. (A student may not test out of a course they are currently taking.)
- A student may challenge up to and before the first day that a class meets for the first time. It is a student’s responsibility to register for an open class or obtain permission from an instructor if the class is closed.
- After a student has challenged up a level, they will not be permitted to drop back to a lower level.

How is placement challenged?
- The challenge will be done by taking the math subtest of the Compass Test in the Testing Center (S-217, 615-353-3564) in the Student Services Building.
- Testing is available on a walk in basis Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students at sites other than the White Bridge Road campus should contact the satellite center that they attend for testing instructions.
- If unsuccessful in the first challenge, a student will have to take the course or study the sample problems on the Website and retake the test. A student may only challenge each course twice. After the second unsuccessful attempt, the student must continue to take the course.
- Challenge testing can begin during the present semester for the following semester. Allow about one hour for the test. If a student is successful in his/her challenge and has already registered for the course that is to be waived, he/she must drop the course before the first day of class to prevent a record of an attempt.

How does one prepare?
- It is absolutely necessary to review and study before taking the math subtest of the Compass Test.
- Interactmath is an online supplement to all the developmental study math courses. Instructions for using it to review for the Compass Test are on the second page of this document.
- ACT has a Website with sample problems for the Compass Test. The Website address is www.act.org/compass . Choose the sample questions link.
- It might also be helpful for students to go the NSCC’s DSPM Website, ww2.nscc.edu/dspm, to get a list of the topics covered and the course packets for each level. Questions from all levels will be on the Compass Test.
Interactmath Instructions

InterAct Math at [www.interactmath.com](http://www.interactmath.com).

1. Enter the website.
2. Choose the text and click “Submit”.
   - To challenge DSPM0700 choose Martin-Gay: Prealgebra and Introductory Algebra, 2e enhanced.
   - To challenge DSPM0800 or DSPM0850 choose Lial: Beginning & Intermediate Algebra, 4e enhanced.
3. The Installation Wizard will appear automatically. X out of the wizard if you are on-campus. This program is available in the Learning Center and C308, but not in the Library. Follow the directions to install the necessary plugs-ins if you are home. Call 1-800-677-6337 if you have problems. When all the installations are complete, quit your Internet browser and restart it. The Installation Wizard will appear again. This time just close the Wizard. You will never have to install the plug-ins on that computer again.
4. Choose the chapter and section from the drop-down boxes. There is a review section at the end of each chapter. For objectives, select “All Objectives.” “View an Example” and “Help Me Solve This” (on the right menu bar) will teach you how to work the problem. If you think the answer is correct but the program will not accept the answer, read “?” under the math symbols on the left.
5. Once you leave the site, the computer will not remember what you did. If you do not finish a section, print your results on the Exercise List page and then begin where you left off when you return. Working the problems on paper will provide a review sheet for later use and will help you remember what you have reviewed.