

Instructions for Challenging Placement into Learning Support Mathematics

Who can challenge?

- A student who just took the Compass Test for the first time.
- 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. A student may not test out of a course they are currently taking.
- After a student has challenged successfully to college-level mathematics, they will not be permitted to drop back to Learning Support Mathematics.

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. A student may only challenge once. After the first unsuccessful attempt, the student must continue to take the Learning Support Mathematics 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.
- 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 Learning Support Math Website, ww2.nsc.edu/lsm, to get a list of the topics covered. Questions from all topics will be on the Compass Test.