

Math Placement at CSI
Implementation for Fall 2016

Students will be placed into an initial math course at CSI based upon one or more of the following: a recent high school GPA together with an ACT or SAT score, results from Compass (available at the CSI testing center through the first week of Fall 2016) or results of ALEKS (available through the CSI testing center beginning the second week of Fall 2016). All measures are valid for three years.

Please note that the math class into which a student is advised must take their educational and career aspirations into account. For example, a student may place into either MATH 043 or MATH 123. The decision between those two should hinge on what math pathway is required for a student's major.

In order to streamline the advising process and to follow best practices for placement, the HSGPA/ACT/SAT matrix is preferred for recent Idaho high school grads. Other tests (Compass, ALEKS, GED Math) may serve the role for placement if HSGPA/ACT/SAT information is not available or current, or if a student chooses to pursue a higher placement than yielded by HSGPA/ACT/SAT. Dual credit students may also need one of the other test results, since they may not yet have HSGPA/ACT/SAT results.

If multiple measures yield differing results, a discussion between the student and an advisor is recommended, but is ultimately the student's decision.

As updated concordance data are released for the new SAT, those data will be added to the matrix on p. 2. Additional detail on ALEKS will be included after pilot testing. This is an evolving document as we pioneer use of multiple measures for math placement at CSI. Feedback is encouraged to Ron Cresswell and Heidi Campbell as our campus community works through this transition.

Initial CSI Placement	HSGPA/ACT/SAT Matrix	Compass Test	ALEKS Results	GED Math (2014 and later)
MATH 023 or CCRC	See below	No Minimum	No Minimum	≥145
MATH 043 or 123		Pre-Algebra ≥53 or Algebra ≥26	≥30	≥161
MATH 143 or 153		Algebra ≥62 or College Algebra ≥31	≥46	≥165
MATH 144 or 147		Algebra ≥62 or College Algebra ≥52 or Trigonometry ≥31	≥61	≥175
MATH 160		College Algebra ≥52	≥61	N/A
MATH 170		Trigonometry ≥52	≥76	N/A

