

North Central Texas College TSI Placement Levels (updated August 2020)

THEA, Compass, Accuplacer, or other placement test scores are only valid for students with scores listed on an official college transcript and applied prior to August 26th, 2013.

All first-time college students must take the new TSI Assessment unless one of the exemptions listed below is applicable.

Placement Testing Exemptions						
ACT <small>(within 5 years, all scores must be earned on same date)</small>	SAT <small>(within 5 years, all scores must be earned on same date)</small>	TAKS <small>(exit-level, within 5 years)</small>	STAAR <small>(within 5 years)</small>	Transfer	Military	Certificate
<p style="text-align: center;">Composite 23 AND English 19=exempt from R&W</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Composite 23 AND Math 19=exempt from Math</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Composite 23 AND English 19 AND Math 19=exempt from all sections</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Composite 1070 AND Reading 500=exempt from R&W</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Composite 1070 AND Math 500=exempt from Math</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Composite 1070 AND Reading 500 AND Math 500=exempt from all sections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW SAT*: Reading and Writing (EBRW) 480=exempt from R&W Math 530=exempt from Math <i>*There is no Composite Score</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">English Language Arts-2200 AND a 3 on the Essay Math-2200</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EOC (End of Course Exam) English III-taken during 11th grade year, score of 2000 on Reading AND 2000 on Writing, or 4000 if score was combined</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EOC Algebra II-taken during 11th grade year, score of 4000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Completion of college-level coursework that meets NCTC TSI requirements, or completion of an Associate's degree or higher from an institution of higher ed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 years of service prior to enrollment, or honorable discharge since 8/1/1990 from US military service or TX National Guard (on DD214)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In a declared certificate program-can only enroll in courses within that certificate plan</p>

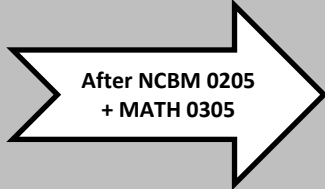











Additional TSI waivers for Dual Credit students ONLY: 10th grade STAAR English II EOC-score of 4000 (for R&W), 10th grade STAAR EOC Algebra I score of 4000 plus passing grade in Algebra II course (for Math), New PSAT/NMSQT score of 460 on EBRW (for R&W) and 510 on the Math (for Math) or Old PSAT score of 107 plus a 50 on Reading or 50 on Math

Reading	Course Placement	Writing
Score Range		Score Range
<p style="text-align: center;">TSI Assessment: 310-341 with ABE of 1-4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>THEA: 0-209 Compass: 0-60 Accuplacer: 0-58</small></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">❑</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">INRW 0305 <small>(pass with "C" or better)</small></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">❑</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">College Ready in Reading & Writing, eligible for ENGL 1301 with NO COREQ.</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">After INRW 0305</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TSI Assessment: 310-339 and NO Essay score (ABE score of 3 or below will not prompt for Essay)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>THEA: 0-150 Compass: 0-37 and Essay of 5 or below Accuplacer: 46-79 and Essay of 3-4</small></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TSI Assessment: 310-341 with ABE of 5-6, OR 342-350</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>THEA: 210-229 Compass: 61-80 Accuplacer: 59-77</small></p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">❑</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">INRW 0310-COREQUISITE + ENGL 1301 <small>(pass ENGL with "D" or better)</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TSI Assessment: 310-339 AND Essay of 4 or lower (ABE score of 4 or higher will prompt for essay), OR score could be 310-390 with Essay of 3 or lower</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>THEA: 180-219 Compass: 38-58 and Essay of 5 or below, or 59-100 and Essay of 4 or below Accuplacer: 46-79 and Essay of 5</small></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TSI Assessment: 351 or higher</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>THEA: 230 or higher Compass: 81 or higher Accuplacer: 78 or higher</small></p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">❑</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">College Ready Reading ONLY <small>(eligible for GOVT, HIST, HUMA, PHIL, PSYC, & SOCI)</small></p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">❑</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">College Ready Reading & Writing <small>(eligible for ENGL 1301 as well as ANTH, GOVT, HIST, HUMA, PHIL, PSYC, & SOCI)</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TSI Assessment: 340-390 AND Essay of 4 or higher, OR 310-339 AND Essay of 5 or higher (plus ABE score of 4 or higher)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>THEA: 220 or higher Compass: 0-58 and Essay of 6, or 59-100 and Essay of 5 or above Accuplacer: 80 or higher and Essay of 6-8</small></p>

Math

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If your placement test scores are more than 5 years old and you have not completed/passed any Math classes in your required sequence, then you should retest on the Math portion of the new TSI Assessment.

Students may retest on the Math portion of the TSI at any time, in order to attempt to improve their placement level or earn "College Ready" status.

Score Range	Course Placement (not all course combinations are offered at all campuses)	Which Math class is right for me? Depends on the career or major you want to pursue!
TSI Assessment: 310-335 with ABE of 1-4 (this score is required for placement) THEA: 0-199 Compass: 0-43P or 0-25A	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0205 + MATH 0305 (pass with "C" or better)  After NCBM 0205 + MATH 0305 <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0132 + MATH 1332 OR <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0142 + MATH 1342 OR Algebraic-STEM Pathway* <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0214 + MATH 1314 OR <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0224 + MATH 1324	<u>NON-ALGEBRAIC PATHWAYS (Majors requiring only ONE College Level Math)</u> Arts or Humanities Major/Pathway  MATH 1332 (<i>Contemporary Math</i>)-can be taken as a co-req. course with NCBM 0232, 0132, or 0100 Health or Social Sciences Major/Pathway  MATH 1342 (<i>Elementary Statistics</i>)-can be taken as a co-req. course with NCBM 0242, 0142, or 0100
TSI Assessment: 310-335 with ABE of 5-6 (this score is required for placement), OR 336-344 THEA: 200-229 Compass: 44-100P or 26-38A Accuplacer: 62 or less Elementary Algebra	<u>Non-Algebraic Pathway*</u> <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0232 + MATH 1332* OR <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0242 + MATH 1342* <u>Algebraic-STEM Pathway*</u> <input type="checkbox"/> MATH 0305-NO COREQ. (pass with "C" or better)  After MATH 0305 <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0214 + MATH 1314 OR <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0224 + MATH 1324	<u>ALGEBRAIC-STEM PATHWAYS (Majors requiring a SEQUENCE of Math courses)</u> Business Major/Pathway  MATH 1324 (<i>Math for Business Analysis</i>) or MATH 1314 (<i>College Algebra</i>) if accepted at transfer institution-both can be taken with NCBM (either 0224 or 0214)  MATH 1325 (<i>Business Calculus</i>)
TSI Assessment: 345-349 THEA: 230-269 Compass: 39-59A Accuplacer: 63 on Elem. Alg. OR MATH 0305 is the highest level of course completion ("C" or better)	<u>Non-Algebraic Pathway*</u> <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0100 or 0132 + MATH 1332 OR <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0100 or 0142 + MATH 1342 <u>Algebraic-STEM Pathway*</u> <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0214 + MATH 1314 OR <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM 0224 + MATH 1324 OR	Education Major/Pathway (EC-6 & 4-8)  MATH 1314 (<i>College Algebra</i>)-can be taken as a co-req. course with NCBM 0214  MATH 1350 (<i>Fundamentals of Math I</i>)  MATH 1351 (<i>Fundamentals of Math II</i>)
TSI Assessment: 350 or higher THEA: 270 or higher Compass: 60A or higher Accuplacer: 64 or higher	<input type="checkbox"/> College Ready and eligible for MATH 1314, 1324, 1332, or 1342 <i>Can take Accuplacer College Math Test (CMT) for higher placement!</i>	STEM Major/Pathway (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)  MATH 1314 (<i>College Algebra</i>)-can be taken as a co-req. course with NCBM 0214  MATH 1316 (<i>Trig.</i>) or MATH 2412 (<i>Pre-Calc.</i>) depending on preference of transfer institution  MATH 2413 (<i>Calculus I</i>), and then additional advanced Math courses if required by transfer institution
Accuplacer CMT: 80 or higher OR SAT Math: 640 or higher OR ACT Math: 28 or higher	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 1316, 1325, or 2412 (also eligible for CHEM 1411)	
Accuplacer CMT: 96 or higher	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 2413, PHYS 1401, or PHYS 2425	

*Any College Level MATH course paired with a NCBM must be passed with a "D" or better. Students who do not score "College Ready" for Math and proceed through a Non-Algebraic Pathway will be required to take an Integrated Algebra-based class OR retest and pass the Math portion of the TSI should they decide to pursue a course in the Algebraic Pathway.

Accuplacer CMT scores are no longer valid as the test has been updated and scoring scale has changed.