

Accuplacer FAQ's

Q: What is the Accuplacer exam?

A: The Accuplacer is an online, **untimed**, adaptive, **multiple choice** placement test designed to measure your preparedness in the areas of reading, writing, and math. The test questions are based on your responses to each question you already have answered. The questions increase or decrease in difficulty depending on your answers as you work through the test. **Score reports are available immediately after you take the test.**

Q: Where do I pay for the Accuplacer exam?

A: Payment for the Accuplacer exam fee of **\$10** is made at SouthArk's College Store, which is located on the first floor of the El Dorado Conference and Student Center.

Q: How do I make an Accuplacer testing appointment?

A: Contact the Testing Center to make your testing appointment by calling 870-864-7196, emailing testing@southark.edu, or by stopping by Room 220 on the second floor of the El Dorado Conference and Student Center. Please contact the Testing Center if needing to reschedule.

Q: Where do I take the Accuplacer exam?

A: The Accuplacer is given in the Testing Center, which is located on the second floor of the El Dorado Conference and Student Center in Room 220.

Q: When can I take the Accuplacer exam?

A: Accuplacer testing days and times are by appointment on Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and on most Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please see the Testing Center's website for additional details. (www.southark.edu/student-services/testing-center)

Q: Can I retake the Accuplacer?

A: YES, you may retake the Accuplacer **after 48 hours**. If you take the exam multiple times, only the highest scores are considered for course placement. The practice and review of skills is encouraged prior to testing and retesting. Several websites, apps, and other practice formats are suggested on the reverse side of this handout. Contact the Testing and Learning Center for additional information.

Q: How many questions are on the Accuplacer exam?

A: There are a certain number of questions asked in each section of the Accuplacer exam. Reading Comprehension has 20 questions, Sentence Skills has 20 questions, and Elementary Algebra has 12 questions. Most testers finish within **1 to 2 hours**, but the exam is not timed.

Q: When do I get my Accuplacer score report?

A: Score reports are available immediately after the completion of the exam. At that time, testers are directed to see their Student Advising Coach for course placement.

Q: What scores do I need to achieve on the Accuplacer?

A: Accuplacer scores assist in determining the placement of students in either Basic Studies or college-level courses. The following chart is used for course placement:

Accuplacer Scores			SouthArk Course Placement
Sentence Skills	+	Reading	
60 or below	AND	52 or below	English I
61 - 72		53 - 69	English II
73 - 82		70 - 77	Composition I with Lab
83+		78+	Composition I
Elementary Algebra			
49 or below			Elementary Algebra
50 - 77			Intermediate Algebra or Tech Math
78+			College Algebra

Q: What do I need to bring on testing day?

- Bring a current, government-issued *photo* ID, such as a driver's license.
- Bring receipt of payment (\$10) issued from the College Store.
- No calculator is allowed. Certain math problems within the testing software allow for an on-screen calculator.
- Scratch paper and pencils will be supplied.
- All personal belongings, including cell phones and all wrist-wear items, will be stored in lockers provided by the Testing Center.

Q: What Accuplacer test prep information is available?

Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills

- www.chompchomp.com (great for sentence structure, subject-verb agreement, etc.)

Elementary Algebra

- www.math.com
- www.coolmath.com
- www.mathisfun.com
- www.algebrahelp.com
- www.khanacademy.org
- www.hotmath.com

Practice Tests

- www.practiceaccuplacertests.com
- www.testprepreview.com/accuplacer_practice.htm
- www.mometrix.com/academy/accuplacer-test
- www.test-guide.com/Accuplacer
- <http://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org> (study app)
- <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students> (sample questions - printed format)

Contact the Testing and Learning Center for additional information
(870) 864-7196 ~ testing@southark.edu

Last Name	First Name	ID #	Appt. Date	Appt. Time