

Math Placement *Required* to Register for a Math Class

Initial Math Placement:

The Math Division initially places students either by using their COMPASS score or, for recent high school graduates, by evaluating their transcript (for specific districts) .

COMPASS

COMPASS math score provides placement (take at Testing Center) – you can **retake** the math portion of this test if you need to.

RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

High school graduates (within one year or less) may use their **high school transcript** for math placement if from one of these school districts (take transcript to the Career and Advising Center).

Auburn
Enumclaw
Kent
Renton
Sumner
Tahoma

Entrance Exams for Misplaced Students:

Students who feel misplaced by their initial math placement may choose to take an **Entrance Exam** for the course they want to get into. Entrance exams are administered at the Testing Center.

(<http://www.greenriver.edu/AssessmentTesting/>)

Testing available at Kent Campus by appointment, contact Pam Reising (preising@greenriver.edu)

PREPARE

by taking a SAMPLE entrance exam. Samples are online at:
<http://www.instruction.greenriver.edu/Div-Math/Advising/>

BRING to the test:

1. Green River **student identification number**
2. photo identification
3. calculator

SCORE 75% or 80% depending on the course.

You are only allowed to take an entrance exam for a specific class once.

Need review/practice? See <http://www.instruction.greenriver.edu/Div-Math/Resources/default.htm>

Sample Entrance Exams in WAMAP

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- 1) Open up your web browser (like Internet Explorer)
- 2) Enter the Math Division Link:
<http://www.instruction.greenriver.edu/Div-Math/Advising/default.htm>
- 3) Click on link for WAMAP in the Entrance Exam section
- 4) Enter your student ID number, First and Last Name in the boxes provided
- 5) Select the exam you wish to take from the drop down menu (you may take as many tests as you wish with no penalty)
- 6) Enter the password: grcece
- 7) You may see a "Browser Check" page. If so, click the "Continue with Image-based display" button.

Answering online questions

Many questions ask for a number answer. You can enter integers, such as 4 or -5, or decimal answers, like 3.2

Some questions ask for fraction answers. Enter these like $\frac{2}{3}$ for $\frac{2}{3}$

Some questions ask for numerical expressions. Here are a couple common expressions:

| Enter | To get |
|------------------|-------------|
| 2^3 | 2^3 |
| $\text{sqrt}(2)$ | $\sqrt{2}$ |
| $2*3$ | $2 \cdot 3$ |

Some questions ask for algebraic expressions. Here are some examples of how to enter answers:

| Enter | To get |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| $4x^5$ | $4x^5$ |
| $1/(x+2)$ | $\frac{1}{x+2}$ |
| $\text{sqrt}(x+5)$ | $\sqrt{x+5}$ |
| $(x^2+5)/2$ | $\frac{x^2+5}{2}$ |

With algebraic expressions, use the Preview button to see how the computer is interpreting what you typed in. Don't forget to use parentheses for grouping. With functions, like $\text{sqrt}(x)$ and $\log(x)$, be sure to use parentheses for the function notation.