

## Foothill College Placement Testing Retest Policy Draft, June 9, 2015

### Overview

It is in the student's best interest to enroll in the course(s) into which he/she has initially placed. However, should the student decide to retest or challenge his/her placement, Foothill adheres to the following policies:

### Retesting

After taking a placement test at either Foothill or De Anza College, students may retake the English, ESL, and/or Math placement tests one (1) time at Foothill College within a six (6) month period of the initial date of a placement; however, students cannot retest in a subject if they have earned a transcriptable grade (passing, or D, F, W, NP or I) in the subject/course sequence in which they are seeking a new placement.

Before retesting, students are strongly encouraged to prepare and review for the retest. Test prep and review information can be found at <http://foothill.edu/placement/math.samples.php>.

### Use of the Placement Score

Once the retest is complete, the student may enroll in the classes noted from their first placement exam or from the retest exam.

### Expiration of Assessment Results

Assessment results are valid for one (1) year from the date that score was earned.

### Challenges

Challenges to placements should be directed to the appropriate Division Office.

### Exceptions

Students participating in Math and English Summer Bridge programs are allowed an additional retest during the program.

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Math Test Screening Questions

The math placement test begins with a series of questions about a student's prior math experience to determine which one of the three available math tests (college level math, elementary algebra or arithmetic) a student should be given. For some students, this process results in test questions that are not at an appropriate level and a placement result is not given by the test. If this happens, students are eligible to take a different level math placement test which will not be counted as a retest as outlined above.