

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.