

Smarter Balanced Placement at Chemeketa

What is Smarter Balanced placement?

Some new students will not be required to take the placement assessment if their 11th grade Smarter Balanced scores are sufficient for placement. If you are still in high school or graduated less than one year ago, request a copy of your unofficial Smarter Balanced scores from the high school where you took the test. Take them to any Chemeketa Community College testing location to receive official placement. The scores required for placement are:

Subject	Required Smarter Balanced Level	Course Placement
English Language Arts/Literacy	4 plus a Senior English class	WR 121 and RD 120
	3 plus a Senior English class	WR 121 and RD 120
	4	WR 115 and RD 115 (option to test higher)
	3	WR 115 and RD 115 (option to test higher)
	2	WR 115 and RD 115 (option to test higher)
	1 or no SB score	Take Accuplacer
Math	4	MTH 112 or MTH 241
	3	MTH 105 or MTH 111 (option to test higher)
	1, 2 or no SB score	Take Accuplacer

How do I get a copy of Smarter Balanced scores?

Each Oregon high school handles testing in its own way. Ask your high school office or testing coordinator to help, or bring in the test scores if you saved them from when you tested in the 11th grade. Smarter Balanced score reports must show the student's name and preferably the name of the high school to allow Chemeketa testing staff to enter it into the student's Chemeketa student record.

Can I send the scores to Chemeketa or have my high school send them?

You can email your Smarter Balanced scores to placement@chemeketa.edu as long as the score report shows your full name, the name of your high school, the test date, and the full detail of your Smarter Balanced scores. We must also receive your name as it appears in your Chemeketa student record and your K# (Chemeketa student ID). Scores received without a K# and full detail will not provide all the information needed to review and enter them into your Chemeketa student record.

How long are Smarter Balanced scores and placements useful?

If you're still in high school or if you graduated less than a year ago sufficient Smarter Balanced scores can be used for placement. Smarter Balanced placement is only good for one year after graduation. If you bring in your Smarter Balanced scores for placement and do not register within one year it will be necessary to take Accuplacer if you decide to enroll more than one year after high school graduation.

What if I want to try for a higher placement than my Smarter Balanced placement allows?

Come in to take Accuplacer, which gives you the option to try for a higher placement. There's no risk. Students may potentially have several methods for placement—COMPASS placement test scores, Accuplacer scores or Smarter Balanced scores, and Chemeketa will honor the highest placement (with proof of scores). COMPASS and Accuplacer scores are acceptable for up to five years.

What if I earned college-level credit while still in high school?

If you already have college credit it may not be necessary to test in that subject. An advisor can help you to determine which Accuplacer placement tests are necessary. If you're hoping to register before Chemeketa receives your college transcripts it may be necessary to take Accuplacer to meet course pre-requisites in time for you to start classes.

Will Chemeketa Scholars accept Smarter Balanced placement?

Smarter Balanced placement is accepted for Chemeketa Scholars applications. Students are advised to bring in Smarter Balanced scores for validation and to have the placements entered into their MyChemeketa account. Students can then log in to their MyChemeketa student account to view and print a copy of Smarter Balanced placement. The printed Smarter Balanced placement from MyChemeketa should be included in the Chemeketa Scholars application. Some students will have Smarter Balanced placement in one subject and an Accuplacer score report in another.

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