

RISE Placement Test

FAQ's for students who need the RISE test

1. Why do I need to take the RISE test?

Taking the RISE test gives us a good indicator of your skill level so we can place you in classes that are the best fit for your success.

If you fall into one of the categories below you will need to take the RISE test.

- Applicants who have been out of school more than 10 years
- Applicants who earned a High School Equivalency diploma within the last 10 years and do not meet the required scores
 - GED: 170 or higher on all tests (2014 or after)
 - HiSET: 15 or higher on all subject tests & 4 on essay
- Applicants who completed Adult High School
- Applicants who graduated from a foreign high school

If you meet any of the conditions below you may waive the RISE Test.

- ACT or SAT Scores within the last 10 years
 - See a Success Advisor or Placement Procedure for required scores
- College Level English or Math Course, with a "C" or better
- Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree
- Other Placement Test Scores taken within the last 10 years

2. What will I be tested on?

Students will be tested in English and Math. The full English test has 2 tiers. The full Math test has 3 tiers. The number of tiers a student needs to complete depends on their course of study. Please see the last page of this handout for a complete list of topics.

3. How long does the test take?

The RISE Test is untimed. On average, each subject takes about 2 hours to complete. We will not schedule both test subjects on the same day. Students will come to campus two times to complete testing.

4. Is it important to study?

It is important that you study for your placement test if you can. By obtaining a better score, you will have more class options and can get a head start towards achieving your academic goals. Don't worry, you can't fail this test. It only helps us place you appropriately.

5. How do I study?

Please see the last page of this handout for a list of study guides or visit <https://www.mayland.edu/admissions/placement-2/>.

6. What do I need to score on the test?

The RISE Tests are sequential; a student must pass each tier before attempting the next. The number of tiers a student needs is determined by their course of study. A score of 75 or above is passing on each tier.

7. Can I retest?

Test scores are valid for 10 years. Students may retest on each level of the RISE Test once in a 10 year period.

8. Can I use a calculator or any other resources on the test?

Students may use a calculator for RISE Test; a scientific calculator is recommended, however any calculator is acceptable. Students may also have scrap paper and a Math Formula Sheet (provided by the Testing Coordinator).

9. What else should I know about the test?

- The test and retest is free for students attending Mayland Community College. There is a \$25 charge if attending elsewhere.
- A valid email is required to register for the test.
- Each section must be completed in a single session.
- If a question is skipped, the student cannot go back, the question is marked wrong and zero points are awarded.
- Questions are chosen randomly from a test bank, so students are unlikely to see the same set of questions as their peers.
- Cell phones and WIFI enabled devices are not permitted in the testing carrels and must be placed in a device compartment upon entering the Testing Center.
- A student with a disability may request testing accommodations for the RISE Test. The student must present documentation to the Office of Counseling and Disability Services and a counselor will determine if the accommodations are reasonable.

10. Will I know my scores immediately?

After your test is complete, you will be able to view your scores. Please come to your Success Advisor after testing so they can explain your results and help you plan your next steps.

11. How do I schedule a test?

After meeting with a Success Advisor, you may call 828.766.1234 to schedule your test. Your Success Advisor will give you instructions on how to create an account and register for the test.

12. I have more questions. Who can I contact?

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