

# Columbia Basin College

## Smarter Balanced Assessment Placement

### Tested 2021 through 2027

The Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) measures your college and career readiness in math, reading, and English. CBC, along with all other community and technical colleges in Washington, have agreed to use qualifying SBA scores coupled with supporting documentation for placement into entry-level, credit bearing courses.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

Those who are admitted and enrolling the academic year immediately following high school graduation, or who are seeking to participate in Running start, may use their **SBA Math** and English Language Arts (ELA) scores from no earlier than their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. **NOTE:** SBA Math scores require a high school transcript at the time of submission in order to be accepted for evaluation.

Use of SBA results for placement is not required, but welcomed! After college-level placement is determined, you can still register for below college-level courses if you feel unsure about the pace and workload of higher classes. The Assessment Center encourages you to build your capacity at the high school level and seek additional support as needed in order to avoid the time and cost of pre-college courses.

#### Math:

Placement into **MATH& 107** (Math in Society), **MATH& 146** (Intro to Statistics), **or their equivalents: MATH 106\*** (Business Mathematics) and **MATH 108\*** (Early Childhood Education).

1. Level 3 or 4 Math score on the Smarter Balanced Assessment **AND**
2. "B" or better in Intermediate Algebra **◆**, **AND**
3. Successful completion (with a "B" or better) of one math course in the junior or senior year.

Placement into **other entry college-level math courses (including pre-calculus): MATH& 141** (Pre-Calculus I), **MATH& 171** (Math for Elementary Ed), **MATH& 147** (Finite Math), **or MATH 113\*** (Geometry/Trigonometry).

1. Level 3 or 4 Math score on the Smarter Balanced Assessment, **AND**
2. "B" or better in a high school pre-calculus or higher course.

#### English:

Placement into **entry college-level English course:**

**ENGL& 101** (English Composition I) **or ENGL 103** (Writing in the Workplace). Reading considered at college-level, no course required. Level 3 or 4 ELA score on the Smarter Balanced Assessment

\*These classes satisfy the requirements for specific technical/vocational programs but are generally not transferrable.

◆ Dual enrolled students (including Running Start) who have a 3 or 4 on the SBA Math **AND** who also complete Intermediate Algebra with a "B" or better prior to their junior year, are NOT required to complete an additional math course in their junior or senior year. They qualify for placement into **MATH&146, MATH& 107, MATH 106\***, **or MATH 108\***.

#### SCORE REPORTS AND TRANSCRIPTS

An official or unofficial high school transcripts must be submitted at the same time as SBA Math scores for math placement evaluation. Transcripts and SBA score reports can be accessed via high school counselors and/or an online high school grading system and may be delivered to the CBC Assessment Center by fax to 509-544-2037, by email to [testingcenter@columbiabasin.edu](mailto:testingcenter@columbiabasin.edu), by mail or hand-delivered to 2600 N 20th Avenue (MS-H7), Pasco, WA, 99301, Pasco Campus - Building H, Assessment Center.

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