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**Berkeley City College Multiple Methods for**

**ESL, English, and Math Course Placement**

**English**

* A student can enroll in English 1A if he/she has a high school cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
* A student with a cumulative high school GPA less than 3.5 should take the BCC English assessment and be placed using only the “reading” score.

**ESL**

* For Berkeley High School and Oakland International High School students, BCC accepts teacher recommendations based on in-class performance and standardized test results.
* For all others, we use multiple measures including:
  + Guided self-placement exercise.
  + 30 minute writing sample.
  + Oral interview with ESL faculty.
  + ESL Compass Test (grammar, listening, and reading) with special emphasis placed on the “reading” score.

**Math**

* For all students who have graduated from a high school in the past two years, BCC will not require a student to take the College’s placement assessment if a student submits any of the following documentation, which will be used to determine his/her placement level in math:  
  + - Results from standardized testing (state K-12 testing , validated international instruments, or AP scores when available); or
    - Placement at BCC based on last math class completed. To determine placement based on last math class completed, the following guidelines are provided. If a student has had a B within the last 2 years in certain math courses, then he/she can be automatically placed, regardless of assessment results, as follows:
      * Grade of B or higher in Calculus AB qualifies him/her for Math 3B and/or Math 3E.
      * Grade of B or higher in Calculus BC qualifies him/her for Math 3C.
      * Grade of B in Pre-Calculus (or BUSD’s Math Analysis or INP 4) qualifies him/her for Math 1 or Math 2
      * Grade of B in Pre-Calculus (or BUSD’s Math Analysis) and Trigonometry qualifies him/her for BCC’s Math 3A Calculus 1.
      * Grade of B in Intermediate Algebra or Algebra II (or BUSD’s INP 3) qualifies him/her for BCC’s Math 1 and/or Math 13.
      * Passing AP Statistics test score of 3 or higher qualifies him/her to waive the Math 13 requirement.
      * Grade of B in AP Statistics qualifies him/her for BCC’s Math 1 or Math 13.