Mathematics Placement Test Instructions

The Morrisville State College Mathematics Placement Test is an on-line, multiple-choice test that is divided into four parts of varying lengths and has 60 questions in total. The content of each part is as follows:

- Part I is prealgebra
- Part II is elementary algebra
- Part III is intermediate algebra and trigonometry
- Part IV is precalculus

All students begin with part I. Depending on your performance you may or may not be prompted to progress to subsequent parts. If you don’t know how to complete a problem, leave it blank. Guessing may lead to poor placement.

You are allowed two attempts at taking the test. The higher of the two scores will be used. Each attempt must be completed in one sitting. The test was designed to be completed without the use of a calculator. Use of a calculator may inflate your score and possibly place you in a course that is above your ability level. You should work out the problems on paper before submitting the answers online. If you experience technical difficulties or have other questions, please contact the Admissions Department at admissions@morrisville.edu or 315-684-6046 for assistance.

To get started, go to www.morrisville.edu/blackboard and click on the secure Blackboard log in.

Enter your username which is your Morrisville ID # and the password math.
Click on Mathematics Placement Test – (date of next semester).

The date of the test will vary depending on the semester.

To begin your first attempt, click on Placement Test Attempt #1.

Click on Part 1.
To start the test you must click on **Begin**.

The questions appear one at a time. Use the single arrow keys (>) or (<) to move forward or backward within each part of the test. It is not necessary to save after each question. The double arrow (>>) will take you to the last question in the part. Once you have submitted your answers from one part, you cannot go back to that part again until your next attempt at taking the test. The timer will show the amount of time you have to complete each particular part of the test and will count down your remaining time as you work.

**NOTE:** You may need to scroll down to see all 4 answer choices for some questions.
As you move farther within each test part, the questions become more difficult.

- Guessing is NOT recommended as it may result in an incorrect placement.
- You may leave questions unanswered if you do not know the answer.

At the last question of each test part, you will need to:

- Choose your answer (if you understand the material).
- Click **Save and Submit**.
If you have left any questions **unanswered**, the box shown below will appear. You can
- click **OK** to leave those questions unanswered, or
- click **Cancel** and use the back arrow to move back to answer incomplete questions.

Once you are satisfied with your attempt on a part, click **OK**.
Click **OK** at the bottom right corner of the next **TWO** screens. You may need to scroll down to see the **OK** button which is light gray in color.
You may be prompted to move to the next part. If so, click on the link for the next part to continue the test. You need to complete all the parts in one sitting.

Otherwise, you are done with the test and you will see the following screen. You are now done with your first attempt.
To find out how you did, click on **Grade Report** when you are finished with the test.

You will see the total number of questions you answered correctly. You will be tentatively placed as follows:

- **Score:** between 0 and 11, **Placement:** Pre-algebra (SKLS 091)
- **Score:** between 12 and 23, **Placement:** Elementary Algebra (MAGN 101)
- **Score:** between 24 and 32, **Placement:** Intermediate Algebra & Trigonometry (MATH 102)
- **Score:** between 33 and 40, **Placement:** College Algebra & Trigonometry (MATH 103)
- **Score:** between 41 and 52, **Placement:** Precalculus (MATH 147)
- **Score:** between 53 and 60, **Placement:** Calculus I (MATH 151)

Math placement is not determined solely by this test. Faculty of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science will review all relevant materials to determine final placement.

If you would like to take the test again, click on **Placement Test Attempt #2** and repeat the process used to complete your first attempt. You are only allowed two attempts. Your second attempt must be completed within **one week** of submitting your first attempt.