

Students interested in Running Start at Pierce College must complete a **Guided Self-Placement** as part of the enrollment/registration process.

Guided Self-Placement

Guided Self-Placement (GSP) for English and math are processes designed to provide you with information needed to make an informed decision about your English and math placement. English self-placement is a guide offering a brief overview of English 101 and the two versions of the course – corequisite and non-corequisite – that are available to you. Self-placement in math is a questionnaire that will guide you through a series of questions and activities requiring you to reflect on prior experience with English and math. Through the GSP process, you will gain insight about your background and will learn information needed to make an informed decision about your English and math placement. GSP can be completed by logging into the [MyPierce Student Portal](#) and selecting **New Student Guide** under **My Tools**. GSP directions and links are found in Module 2 of the New Student Guide.

Running Start eligibility is determined by college level placement in English.

Example: A Running Start student may meet “eligibility standards” for College English (as determined by the GSP) while continuing to take math (ex. Algebra II) at his/her/their designated high school.

If a student has completed Algebra II, we encourage him/her/them to take the GSP for math as well. The GSP will determine a student’s eligibility for math.

Even when a student is required to take one course at the high school, he/she/they are fully funded for 15 credits (3 classes) at Pierce College.



Some of the colleges (ex. CPTC) utilize the **ACCUPLACER** for placement/eligibility.

Be sure to check each college website to determine testing procedures/protocol.