

New Trier High School Placement Assessment Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Why do students take a placement assessment, and is this the only information that is used for level placement?

Most high schools require students to take a placement assessment. The CTP5 tests are one component of the portfolio used to place students in appropriate course levels at New Trier. Students will also complete a short writing sample and self-evaluation during the testing period. It is important to note that the materials completed by 8th-grade students, teachers, and parents are very important elements of the portfolio used by the placement team. The parent profile forms will come via email with the PowerSchool Enrollment. The teacher feedback forms are completed at the sender schools.

Q: What if a student has a conflict with the date?

New Trier has 3 test dates on the calendar this year – Saturday, November 14, Saturday, November 21, and Saturday, December 5. A student may attend an alternate test date, *but arrangements must be made in writing with Peg Stevens*, Test Coordinator, at stevensp@nths.net to schedule the date change.

Q: What if a student cannot test on a Saturday due to religious beliefs?

A Sunday alternate date may be arranged with Peg Stevens, Test Coordinator, at stevensp@nths.net.

Q: What assessment instrument is used for placement?

Five tests within the Educational Records Bureau's "The Comprehensive Testing Program 5" (CTP 5) will be administered. The components of the assessment to be given are: Verbal Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Quantitative Reasoning, Mathematics Part 1 and Mathematics Part 2. **There are NO calculators allowed on the CTP5 test.** Information concerning ERB and its programs may be found at www.erbtest.org.

Q: When and where should students report? How long is the test?

- Testing will be conducted on the **WINNETKA CAMPUS**. Students will enter at the North doors on Trevian Way at 7:45 a.m.
- Posters will be displayed in the cafeteria with student names and assigned room numbers. Proctors will be available in the hallways throughout the school to direct students to classrooms.
- If students or parents have questions, please see Mrs. Stevens in the cafeteria.
- The CTP5 testing time is 210 minutes. The student writing assessment/self-evaluation is 20 minutes. There will be breaks during the testing period. Students may bring water and a snack to eat during breaks. Eating and drinking are not allowed in the classroom.
- *Please see the attached information about testing procedures due to Covid-19 precautions. Testing time will be longer this year due to new safety procedures.*

Q: How will New Trier administer the placement test and maintain safe testing procedures for students due to Covid-19?

Please see the attached materials about New Trier's safety protocols during placement testing.

Q: What about students with accommodations?

Students with accommodations should contact their middle school case manager for testing instructions and information about the use of a calculator.

Q: When will students receive the test results?

Test results will be mailed to families in early February along with New Trier level recommendations and course selection materials.

Q: What should the students do to prepare for the exam?

The best way for students to prepare for this exam is to do well in their classes and continue to learn the skills and concepts that are being covered in their eighth-grade subjects. Getting a full night's sleep, and eating a healthy breakfast in the morning will aid students in doing their very best work.

**If you have any questions before the test day, please contact:
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