

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to take the placement test?

If you have taken the ACT or SAT in the last three years or have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, you may not need to take the placement test. Please visit <https://kish.edu/student-services/additional-services/testing-services/placement.php> for more information.

Can you describe the placement test?

Kishwaukee College uses ACCUPLACER, an adaptive, computerized placement test with multiple-choice questions. Most students need to take all three sections of the placement test — math, writing and reading. Most students will start with Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) and then may move into Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF). The WritePlacer test requires students to write a 300-600-word essay. The results of the WritePlacer test will be used to determine whether a student takes the Reading test. The Reading test requires students to read the material and answer multiple-choice questions. For more information about the placement test, visit <https://kish.edu/student-services/additional-services/testing-services/placement.php>.

What do I need to bring?

A photo ID is the only thing required. No other belongings (including cell phones) will be allowed in the testing area.

Can I use a calculator for the math portion?

No. The computer will make a calculator available for questions that permit calculator use.

How long does the test take?

The math and reading tests are not timed. The writing test has a 90-minute time limit. You are encouraged to take as much time as you need to complete the exam. You should allow at least 2 hours if you are taking all three sections.

Where do I

