



## Smarter Balanced Assessment Agreement (March 2015)

### Mathematics

In recognition of the achievements of high school students who have demonstrated their readiness for college-level coursework, the undersigned universities agree to exempt from remedial non-credit bearing coursework in mathematics without further placement testing, students who:

1. Earn a Level 3 or Level 4 on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in Mathematics, and
2. Complete a senior level math course in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and
3. Enroll in a college level course that fulfills a quantitative requirement (also known as QSR) as specified by each university, excluding pre-calculus and calculus level college courses, during the first year following high school graduation.

The college may administer placement tests to assure appropriate placement in credit bearing math courses.

### English

Similarly, the undersigned universities agree to exempt from remedial non-credit bearing coursework in English composition, without further placement testing, students who:

1. Earn a Level 3 or Level 4 on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts,
2. Complete the fourth-year minimum admission requirement in English in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and
3. Enroll in a college-level English composition course during the first year following high school graduation.

At each university, students achieving at Level 3 or Level 4 will be eligible to enroll directly in an English 101, or equivalent course that meets a general education English/writing requirement.

This agreement will apply to high school graduating classes of 2016 through 2018. It will be reviewed and renewed or revised formally in winter 2018 based on relevant data gathered on the Smarter Balanced assessment, including (a) correlations with SAT/ACT scores, (b) grade 12 student performance, and (c) student performance on placement tests into, and success in, more advanced courses, especially pre-calculus, calculus, and other math courses.

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