

## Math Placement and MPLEX Guidelines (Effective May 16, 2017)

Math placement is determined by one of three measures

- ACT or SAT math score
- Prerequisite course (including transfer courses with appropriate scores/grades)
- MSU's math placement exam (MPLEX)

### MPLEX Testing for New Students

At orientation, students may take the MPLEX within these guidelines:

- Students with an ACT or SAT score may take the MPLEX one level above their current placement. For example, students placed at Level Two may take the Level Three MPLEX.
- Students without a math placement may take the Level Three MPLEX (with the understanding that if they do not pass, they must take the Level Two MPLEX).
- If a student successfully passes their first MPLEX, they may take the next MPLEX if time allows. For example, a student placed at Level Two who passes the Level Three MPLEX can attempt the Level Four MPLEX. Students may continue advancing in levels until they do not pass a particular level, if time allows.
- Students who do not pass an MPLEX may only attempt another MPLEX after they
  - **Complete 20** hours of study in EdReady and
  - **Demonstrate a 90%** Proficiency Rating at the desired level within EdReady
- After students have completed the above requirements, students may schedule an individual MPLEX with Testing Services. Students will be responsible for any Testing Services fees.

### MPLEX for Continuing Students

Students seeking to take the MPLEX during or after their first semester may take the MPLEX through Testing Services within these guidelines:

- Students must schedule their MPLEX with Testing Services and pay the required fee.
- Students who do not pass the desired MPLEX may only retake the MPLEX after they
  - **Complete 20** hours of study in EdReady and
  - **Demonstrate a 90%** Proficiency Rating at the desired level within EdReady
- The MPLEX may not be used to avoid retaking a math course previously attempted. For example, a student who withdraws from or fails M 121Q cannot take the MPLEX to place into Level 4. Students who can demonstrate an ability to pass the course, but who had extraordinary circumstances that prevented them from finishing the course, should meet with their academic advisor to discuss next steps.

### MPLEX Availability & Course Registration

- There is no charge for new students to take the MPLEX at a scheduled MSU orientation.
- Transfer students who wish to take the MPLEX before the scheduled transfer orientation must schedule their MPLEX with Testing Services and pay any required fees.
- MPLEX availability is limited at the beginning of each semester. Students may only take the MPLEX within the first three class days of any semester when they meet the eligibility requirements listed within these guidelines.
- Students may only register for math classes through the fifth class day of the semester.
- Between the fifth and tenth class day, if space is available and a student has the required approval, students may
  - Switch sections of the same math class
  - Upon advice of their instructor, drop a class in order to add a lower-level math class