



INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

P.E.R.T. Information Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the launch date for P.E.R.T. at Indian River State College?**
Monday, September 19, 2011
- 2. What does P.E.R.T. stand for?**
Postsecondary Education Readiness Test
- 3. What sections are included in the P.E.R.T.?**
Reading, writing and math
P.E.R.T. math sub test will not place a student into MAC 1140, MAC 2233, MAC 1114 or MAC 2311. If students wish to place into a higher level math course, they will need to score a 135 on the P.E.R.T. math section and then take the College Level Math (CLM) section of the Computerized Placement Test (CPT) in the same sitting. The same CLM CPT scores still apply to higher level placement. Students will not need to pay again to take the CLM section.
- 4. How many questions are on the test?**
There are 30 questions per test section; 90 questions total.
Each section has 25 scored questions and 5 field test questions.
- 5. What is the score range for the P.E.R.T.?**
50-150
- 6. How much does the P.E.R.T. cost?**
There is a \$10.00 sitting fee each time a student takes the P.E.R.T. The sitting fee is the same regardless of the number of subtests the student takes in one sitting.
- 7. Is the P.E.R.T. a timed test?**
No. It is an untimed test. It will take most students approximately 3 hours to complete all three sections of the P.E.R.T.
- 8. At what time should a student be told to arrive in Testing to take the P.E.R.T.?**
Students need to arrive in an Assessment Center with a paid receipt and a valid photo ID no later than 3 hours prior to the established closing time. Therefore, students can start the P.E.R.T. on Monday – Thursday between 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. during all semesters and between 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. on Fridays in the Fall and Spring semesters.

- 9. Is the P.E.R.T. test adaptive?**
Yes. As students get questions right, the test will become more challenging.
- 10. Is there a study guide and sample test for the P.E.R.T.?**
Yes. It is located at <https://college.measuredsuccess.com>. IRSC will not provide paper copies of the study guide or sample test.
- 11. How long will the P.E.R.T. scores be valid?**
P.E.R.T. scores are valid for 2 years. The highest valid score will be used for placement.
- 12. Can a student use a calculator on the P.E.R.T.?**
There is a calculator built into the P.E.R.T. testing system. It will “pop up” if the question allows the use of a calculator. However, personal or handheld calculators are not permitted.
- 13. Will IRSC still accept the CPT (ACCUPLACER), SAT and ACT for placement?**
Yes. At this point, the CPT, SAT and ACT are still approved by the Florida Department of Education for college placement.
- 14. Will a Dual Enrollment student (DE) need to take the P.E.R.T.?**
Yes. DE students will need to take the P.E.R.T. for placement.
- 15. Can the high schools administer the P.E.R.T.?**
Yes. As of July 1, 2011, the high schools have been approved to administer the P.E.R.T. However, IRSC will only accept official score reports **directly** from the high schools. Student copies of score reports will not be accepted.
- 16. Can a student take the P.E.R.T. for Ability to Benefit (ATB) purposes for Financial Aid?**
No. Students will still need to take all sections of the CPT for ATB purposes. Students who do not pass the reading comprehension, sentence skills and arithmetic sections of the CPT during the initial testing session must retake and pass all three tests during a single test session. Scores from two different administrations cannot be mixed or combined. Within any three-month period, ATB candidates may be permitted an initial test and one retest. There should be a two-week waiting period between the initial test and the retest. There is a \$10 fee to take the ATB.
- 17. Can a student retake the P.E.R.T.?**
Yes. They can retake the test every 30 days. IRSC will not accept P.E.R.T. scores that are less than 30 days apart, regardless of the testing location.

P.E.R.T. Developmental Education Course Placement

Prep English Placement		Prep Reading Placement		Prep Math Placement	
Course	Score Range	Course	Score Range	Course	Score Range
ENC 0015	50-89	REA 0007	50-83	MAT 0018	50-95
ENC 0025	90-98	REA 0017	84-103	MAT 0028	96-112
EAP English Placement		EAP Reading Placement			
Course	Score Range	Course	Score Range		
EAP 0384	50-89	EAP 0320	50-83		
EAP 0484	90-98	EAP 0420	84-103		

P.E.R.T. College Credit Course Placement

College English Placement		College Reading Placement		College Math Placement	
Course	Score Range	Course	Score Range	Course	Score Range
ENC 1101	99-150	Exempt	104-150	MAT 1033	113-122
(P.E.R.T. reading score of 104 or high is also required to take ENC 1101)		(Required for ENC 1101)		MAC 1105 MGF 2106 MGF 2107 MTG 2204 STA 2023	123-134
				Eligible to take the College Level Math test of the CPT.	135-150

**CPT College Level Math (CLM) Test Placement
(Students must score 135 on the P.E.R.T. to take the CLM)**

College Math Placement					
				Course	Score Range
				MGF 2106 MGF 2107 MTG 2204	30-43
				MAC 1105 STA 2023	44-59
				MAC 1140 MAC 2233 MAC 1114	60-89
				MAC 2311	90-120