

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
**Testing Services and the Department of Mathematical Sciences**  
**MATHEMATICS PLACEMENT EXAM SCORE INTERPRETATION**

The *Exam Score Report* provides a math placement level based on your NIU Math Placement Exam score **and** on your ACT Math score. This information does **not** pertain to the Accuplacer Math Exam. To find your placement level in the table below find your ACT Math score in the top row, then move down that column and find your Math Placement Exam score; then move to the right column to find your placement level. If you took the ACT exam more than once, the highest ACT Math score submitted to NIU is used. If NIU doesn't have an ACT Math score for you, your placement level is based on the column headed "No ACT Math."

		ACT Math Score:								Math Placement Level	
		0-17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24-36		No ACT Math
NIU Math Placement Exam Score	{	----	----	----	122-170	122-170	122-170	122-170	122-170	122-170	→ <b>A</b>
		----	----	----	60-120	56-120	54-120	52-120	50-120	54-120	→ <b>B</b>
		----	46-170	42-170	38-58	34-54	30-52	30-50	30-48	38-52	→ <b>C</b>
		24-170	24-44	24-40	24-36	24-32	24-28	24-28	24-28	24-36	→ <b>D</b>
		0-22	0-22	0-22	0-22	0-22	0-22	0-22	0-22	0-22	→ <b>E</b>

The five placement levels and the corresponding registration actions are in the table below:

Math Placement Level	Recommended Course Placement	Student's Registration Action
<b>A</b>	MATH 206, 210, 211, 229	Register for MATH 206, 210, 211, or 229 depending upon which course is required or recommended by your major.
<b>B</b>	MATH 155, 206, 210, 211	Register for MATH 155 if 155 or 229 is required or recommended by your major. Register for Math 206, 210, or 211 if required or recommended by your major.
<b>C</b>	MATH 110	Register for MATH 110 if it or 155, 206, 210, 211, or 229 is required.
<b>D</b>	KCMA 098	Information will be sent to your NIU email account regarding registration for KCMA 098 through Kishwaukee College.
<b>E</b>	Additional placement test needed	<b>CONTACT TESTING SERVICES AT 815-753-1203 TO SCHEDULE A SECOND MATH PLACEMENT EXAM.</b>

**If Your Placement Level is D or E.**

If you are required to take MATH 229, 211, 210, 206, 155, or 110, it is necessary for you to improve your algebra skills before entering MATH 110. If your placement level is D, you may take a course in intermediate algebra at a community college or take KCMA 098 through Kishwaukee College. If your placement level is E, you must take a second math placement exam to determine whether you should register for KCMA 096 or KCMA 098. These courses are taught by Kishwaukee College instructors on the NIU campus. You may contact the Department of Mathematical Sciences at (815) 753-6723 for information about a course at a community college in your area.

**KCMA 098 – Placement Level D** This is an intermediate algebra course. Information regarding the procedure for registering for KCMA 098 will be sent to your NIU email account from Kishwaukee College. KCMA 098 will not count toward the number of credit hours needed for graduation. If you have any questions, contact the Department of Mathematical Sciences at (815) 753-6723.

**Placement Level E** *You must take a second math placement exam to determine readiness for elementary algebra, KCMA 096, or intermediate algebra, KCMA 098. Contact Testing Services at 815-753-1203 to schedule this exam.* You will be sent an email to your NIU email account from Kishwaukee College regarding the additional placement test and the procedure for registration. KCMA 096 (or 098) will not count toward the number of credit hours needed for graduation. Please note: If you are placed into KCMA 096 you will need to complete both KCMA 096 and KCMA 098, with a C or better, before you may register for Math 110. If you have any questions, contact the Department of Mathematical Sciences at (815) 753-6723.

**These courses are offered on the NIU campus as a service to NIU students. Because these are Kishwaukee College courses, you will register and be billed directly from Kishwaukee College. Because the courses will not transfer to NIU, if you wish to qualify for full time financial aid at NIU, you must still register for 12 credit hours of NIU coursework.**

For additional information about math placement contact a Department of Mathematical Sciences Advisor, Watson 320, phone (815) 753-6723.

If you have a question about your ACT Math score, contact the Office of Testing Services, 128 Adams Hall, phone (815) 753-1203, email [testing@niu.edu](mailto:testing@niu.edu).