

## **New Trier High School Placement Assessment** **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **Q: Why do students take a placement assessment, and is this the only information that is used for level placement?**

Many high schools require students to take a placement assessment. The CTP5 tests are one component of the portfolio used to place students in appropriate course levels at New Trier. It is important to note that the materials completed by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, teachers, and parents are also important elements of the portfolio used by the placement team. The parent profile forms will come via email with Power School Enrollment. The student self-assessment and writing sample are completed during the testing period and teacher feedback forms are completed at the sender schools.

### **Q: What if a student has a conflict with the date?**

A student may attend an alternate test date, but arrangements must be made in writing with Alan Pavlik, Test Manager, at [pavlika@nth.net](mailto:pavlika@nth.net) to schedule the date change.

### **Q: What if a student cannot test on a Saturday due to religious beliefs?**

An alternate date may be arranged with Alan Pavlik, Test Manager, at [pavlika@nth.net](mailto:pavlika@nth.net).

### **Q: What assessment instrument is used for placement?**

Five tests within the Educational Records Bureau's "The Comprehensive Testing Program 5" (CTP 5) will be administered. The components of the assessment to be given are: Verbal Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Quantitative Reasoning, Mathematics Part 1 and Mathematics Part 2. **There are NO calculators allowed on the CTP5 test.** Information concerning ERB and its programs may be found at [www.erblearn.org](http://www.erblearn.org).

### **Q: When and where should students report? How long is the test?**

- Testing will be conducted on the **NORTHFIELD CAMPUS**. Students will enter through any of the open gates between 7:15am and 7:45am
- Posters will be displayed outside the A building with student names and assigned room numbers. Proctors will be available in the hallways throughout the school to direct students to classrooms.
- Testing time is 210 minutes. Testing will start at approximately 7:45 and end at approximately 12:45. Students may bring water and a snack to eat during breaks. Eating and drinking are not allowed in the classroom.

### **Q: How will students with accommodations be tested?**

Students with accommodations should contact their middle school case manager for testing instructions and information about the use of a calculator. Applicable accommodations that are listed on the student IEP or 504 plan will be in place for the placement exam.

### **Q: How will New Trier administer the placement test and maintain safe testing procedures for students due to Covid-19?**

Students will be required to wear a mask at all times while indoors. Desks will be 3 feet apart and students will be encouraged to socially distance when not in the testing classroom.

### **Q: When will students receive the test results?**

Test results will be mailed to families in early February along with New Trier level recommendations and course selection materials.

### **Q: What should the students do to prepare for the exam?**

The best way for students to prepare for this exam is to do well in their classes and continue to learn the skills and concepts that are being covered in their eighth-grade subjects. Getting a full night's sleep and eating a healthy breakfast in the morning will aid students in doing their very best work.

**If you have any questions before the test day, please contact:  
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