

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

### **Q: Is the placement test the only information that is used for level placement?**

The CTP5 tests are only one component of the portfolio used to place students in appropriate course levels at New Trier. It is important to note that the feedback completed by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, teachers, and parents are also important elements of the portfolio used by the placement team. Parents will complete a student profile in PowerSchool 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: How do I register my student for the placement test?**

**If you received this letter your student is automatically registered for the placement test, and nothing further is required.**

### **Q: What if a student has a conflict with the date or cannot test on a Saturday due to religious beliefs?**

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

### **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 takes place on the **NORTHFIELD CAMPUS**. Students will enter through any of the open gates between 7:15 a.m. and 7:45 a.m.
- Posters will be displayed outside the A building with student names and assigned room numbers. Proctors will be available throughout the school to direct students to classrooms.
- Testing time is 210 minutes. Testing will start at approximately 7:45 a.m. and end at approximately 12:45 p.m. 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: 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?**

**THERE IS NO TEST PREPARATION NECESSARY FOR THE CTP5 PLACEMENT 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.

**If you have any questions about testing, please contact:**  
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