

## RE: SUNSET CLAUSE FOR MATH PLACEMENT TESTS

Unofficial responses to the following questions were asked of college student services personnel; unofficial data collected July, 2011.

1. Regarding Accuplacer, is there any official time limit between when a student takes the test, and when he or she can take the first college math course?
2. Similarly for SATs, and now ACT scores; is there a time limit between when a student takes the test and the first college math course?

Board Policy, amended in June 2011, refers only to developmental courses:

*All courses offered at the developmental level (courses with an initial number of "0" whose credits do not count towards graduation) must be pre-collegiate, defined as part of a sequence of courses which lead to college-level work. Courses deemed to be basic skills which are not pre-collegiate, as defined in this section, cannot be offered as part of the developmental sequence.*

*Consistent with these prerequisites, entering students who need courses at the developmental level will be strongly advised by the college to enroll during their first year of matriculation in the necessary developmental English and Mathematics courses.*

College	"Sunset Clause" conditions re: Accuplacer, SAT, ACT
Asnuntuck	At Asnuntuck, there is no official policy.
Capital	
Gateway	
Housatonic	At HCC, placement test scores and SAT scores are valid for 2 years. Anything older, students must take a placement test.  I like 2 years, because after 2 years, students' skills seem to drop in math. You can see it in recent high school graduates who haven't taken algebra for a year or more or who didn't take math in their senior year.
Manchester	We use 4 -5 years as a guide.
Middlesex	SAT scores are only valid for 4 years. However, Banner does not know that...what I mean is that there is no way to set that limit in Banner...so if a student supplied them in 2005 and we entered them, Banner allows them to register because it is not programmed on time. The 4 years is a system limit.  As for placement testing, I believe they do not expire. However, it is suggested to students that they can use their previous scores and start there or if it has been say 10 years or more they have an option to retest.
Naugatuck Valley	At NVCC, we do not have and never had an official policy that dictates a time frame from the date of the Accuplacer to the time of registration for the courses.  As far as SAT and ACT scores, we do not have an official policy. It was determined at a meeting on March 16, 2009, to follow the same guidelines that we use for Allied Health and Nursing Programs, which is five years.
Northwestern	At Northwestern there is no written policy. Most counselors advise students to take Accuplacer if their SAT, ACT, or Placement scores are more than two years old.
Norwalk	In general 2 years, definitely not more than 3 years.
Quinebaug Valley	2-year time limit for both.
Three Rivers	No written policy. Most counselors use 5 years for Accuplacer English and 3 years for Accuplacer Math; at this time SATs and ACTs have no time limit.
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