

PERT

The Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) is Florida's customized common placement test. The purpose of the P.E.R.T. is accurate course placement based on the student's skills and abilities. The P.E.R.T. is aligned with the Postsecondary Readiness Competencies identified by Florida faculty as necessary for success in entry-level college credit coursework. The P.E.R.T. assessment system includes Placement and Diagnostic tests in mathematics, reading and writing.

Mosley High School students may take the PERT to meet the Algebra 1 EOC comparative score.

Dual Enrolled (DE) classes at Mosley HS require students to take the PERT. Students wanting to take DE classes should contact Mr. Richard Hartzler, Asst. Principal of Mosley HS, for testing dates/times.

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NEW College Ready Cut Scores

(Achieved ON or AFTER October 22, 2013)

PERT		Accuplacer		SAT		ACT	
Mathematics	114	Elementary Algebra	72	Mathematics	440	Mathematics	19
Reading	106	Reading	83	Verbal	440	Reading	19
Writing	103	Writing	83			English	17

Q: Who needs to take P.E.R.T.? (Note: New legislation for 2015-16 will change this section!)

PERT can be divided into four THREE groups:

Not applicable for Fall 2015 and beyond: PERT for Juniors: All Bay District High School Juniors who score:

–Levels 2 or 3 on their Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading, must take PERT Reading and Writing

–Levels 2, 3, or 4 on their Alg. 1 EOC, (no matter what Grade level they took it in) must take PERT Math.

The above juniors must not already be classified as "college-ready."

1. PERT as an EOC: Students, typically seniors, who are enrolled in English (or Math) for College Readiness must take the appropriate PERT as an end-of-course exam. 30% of the test must be calculated into the student's final grade.
2. **PERT Math as a comparative score:** Those students who have not achieved a passing score on the Alg 1 EOC may attempt the PERT Math. If the student receives a score of 97+ on PERT Math they are eligible to receive a comparative score which replaces the requirement for passing the Alg 1 EOC. This does not remove the requirement of passing the Algebra 1 course.
3. **PERT for Dual-enrollment purposes:** For all high school students who show interest in taking available dual-enrolled courses.

Q: Who administers the P.E.R.T.?

Answer: The P.E.R.T. is administered at a High school by a certified educator who has received training. Paraprofessionals and other non-certified school staff may act as proctors but may not be left alone with testing materials nor students who are testing. For dual-enrollment purposes, PERT may also administered by college professionals either at the college or high school.

Q: Is there a limit as to how many times a student may take the P.E.R.T.?

Answer: For a brief period, legislation prohibited students from taking the P.E.R.T. no more than twice in their lifetime. Now students may take it more than twice, per subject, if needed.

NOTE: The district (& Gulf Coast State College) will limit students to two attempts per subject area per semester (four times per year). If a student needs to re-test to achieve a higher score, the student may NOT test again on the same day. It is recommended to wait at least one week before re-attempting if the student still has an opportunity within the semester. A "re-test" is considered a second attempt.

Q: If a student is ill and needs to leave campus, can he or she continue the P.E.R.T.?

Answer: Ideally, no. However, if there is absolutely no way a student can stay and finish the test, the student will be permitted to test again the following day. As always, the student is NOT permitted to keep their username and password nor their scratch paper when they leave the room. Also, students are NOT permitted to discuss test items at any time.

Q: What time of year is the P.E.R.T. administered?

Answer: The PERT as an EOC is given typically within the Spring EOC window or within Senior testing week. PERT as an Alg I EOC comparative is typically given within any of the EOC windows. PERT for dual-enrollment is given as needed.

Q: Is the P.E.R.T. administered on a computer or may a student receive a paper copy?

Answer: The P.E.R.T. assessment is a computer adaptive test (C.A.T.) with 25 operational items that will be the basis of the student's placement score and five (5) field test items which are designed to continuously enhance the operational test bank.

Paper - based tests are available to those students who have "Paper-based" documented within FOCUS, however, these tests must be ordered at least three weeks prior to the administration.

Q: Is there a practice test for P.E.R.T.?

Answer: At this time, BDS does not provide an online diagnostic tool via the same testing platform (McCann). However, students may download the P.E.R.T. Study Guide at <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5592/urlt/0078248-pert-studentstudyguide.pdf> The Study Guide provides 10 sample questions for each topic along with an answer key at the end of the document.