

Tennessee Corequisite Placement Pilot

Multiple Measures for Learning Support Placement

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About the Tennessee Corequisite Placement Pilot

[TBR's learning support policy](#) establishes methods to determine a student's readiness for college-level coursework in writing, reading, and math. According to this policy, students can be placed into or out of a corequisite learning support course through one of four assessment metrics: the ACT, SAT, ACCUPLACER, or by completing SAILS competencies. A student must satisfy cut scores in at least one of these placement methods to bypass learning support courses.

In March 2020, Chancellor Flora Tydings approved a pilot effort to allow the addition of high school GPA as an assessment method for placement, alongside other measures included in [TBR's learning support policy](#). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, placement testing was limited in 2020, and some students were unable to take or retake tests that traditionally determined placement. At the Tennessee Board of Regents quarterly meeting in March 2021, this pilot was extended through the 2021-2022 academic year.

The corequisite placement pilot cut scores are as follows:

Subject Area	ACT	SAT	ACCUPLACER	SAILS	High School GPA Pilot
Writing	18	490	250	Completing SAILS competencies	3.60 or higher*
Reading	19	500	250	Completing SAILS competencies	3.60 or higher*
Math	19	500	250	Completing SAILS competencies	3.60 or higher*

*At three colleges (Chattanooga State, Nashville State, and Southwest Tennessee Community College), students with high school GPAs from **2.8 to 3.59** were able to provisionally place out of learning support. This provisional cut score applied to dual enrollment students *and* non-dual enrollment students. These colleges were required to develop and implement a monitoring plan for students admitted into college-level coursework without learning support courses.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Pilot

Research on the Tennessee Corequisite Placement Pilot

- [Multiple Measures for Learning Support Placement: Initial Analysis](#) (April 2020)
- [We All Rise 2020: Multiple Measures for Learning Support Pilot](#) (October 2020)
- [Summary of Preliminary Outcomes](#) (March 2021 Board Meeting Presentation) (March 2021)

