



PLACEMENT TEST INFORMATION

ENGLISH PLACEMENT

Students who potentially qualify for Honors English based upon their HSPT scores and middle school performance will be notified in April and invited to sit for the English placement test on **May 11, 2023**. Any questions should be directed to the English Department Chair, Mr. Matt Blair (mblair@johncarroll.org).

WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

Students who have had the equivalent of one full year of a world language (French, German or Spanish) and who wish to pursue that language while at John Carroll are encouraged to sit for the World Language placement test. Students will be tested on both writing and speaking in that language. Placement tests for World Language will be held on **May 10, 2023**. Any questions should be directed to the World Language Department Chair, Ms. Cathy Edge (cedge@johncarroll.org).

MATH PLACEMENT

All freshmen entering John Carroll will be placed in one of the following classes with the rare exception of testing into a higher-level class, such as Pre-Calculus.

- **Honors Algebra 2** – This class is for students with a strong grasp of algebra concepts as shown by high math & quantitative scores on the HSPT and/or a high score on the Algebra placement test.
- **Advanced Algebra 2** – This class is for students who have taken Algebra 1 and score at least a 70 on the Algebra placement test.
- **Algebra 1** – This class is for students who did not take algebra in middle school or students who have not demonstrated mastery of the skills needed to move to Algebra 2.
- **Modified Algebra 1** – This class is for students that need extra support to succeed in math. Students are placed in this course based upon HSPT scores, math courses taken in middle school and performance in those courses.

Students will automatically be placed in Algebra 1 or Modified Algebra 1. If you wish to be considered for Honors or Advanced Algebra 2, you must take the Algebra placement test on **May 9, 2023**.

Any questions should be directed to the Math Department Chair, Mr. Rob Torres (rtorres@johncarroll.org).

Topics included on the Algebra placement test:

- Simplifying using Order of Operations and combining like terms
- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide basic fractions
- Graphing a line from a linear equation
- Writing a linear equation when given a graph
- Solving basic algebra equations
- Multiplying binomials (FOILing)
- Factoring quadratic equations and solving quadratic equations by factoring or using the Quadratic Formula

A great source for reviewing any of these topics is Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org). There is also an option to test out of Geometry during freshman year if you have taken a full year of Geometry in middle school. Those not testing out will take Geometry sophomore year.