



Valley Catholic Middle School Placement Exam

Commonly Asked Questions

We look forward to seeing your student and we hope that the following information will help calm your student's nerves (or your own).

Applicants from Valley Catholic Elementary School - Current VCES students are only required to take the math portion of the placement exam (they are exempt from the English and Writing portions.) VCES students will take the math portion of the placement exam during their regular math time while at VCES. Day and Time TBA.

Applicants from other schools – All applicants from schools other than VCES will be required to spend a day at Valley Catholic as part of the admission process. Your placement exam will be given on the same day as your visit.

What is the placement exam?

The placement exam is a comprehensive test that covers material from several units of study including English, math, and writing.

The placement exam results - along with your report card grades and teacher recommendation forms - help determine your class schedule, such as which math level best meets your needs.

What format is the placement exam?

The placement exam will include short answer (multiple choice) questions, problem solving, and a writing sample.

How can you prepare?

1. Come prepared
 - a. Arrive by the designated time
 - b. Be ready to start on time. Please take care of any basic needs - use the restroom, get a drink, eat a snack, etc. - at least five minutes before the scheduled test
2. Take care of yourself the night before and the day of the exam
 - a. Eat well. Do not skip meals or eat junk food. Often when we are stressed our first instinct is to eat "fun food." This will not help you in the long run.
 - b. Drink **water** – staying hydrated helps!
 - c. Get your rest – you will need to be sharp and focused while testing

Do I need to bring anything?

All supplies, including pencils, scratch paper, and Kleenex, will be provided.

Now, relax and do your best. Our teachers want you to succeed.