

CRITICAL READING STRATEGIES PLACEMENT

ASK A QUESTION OR SUBMIT FEEDBACK ON THIS POLICY

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Policy Statement

Kent State University regional campuses offer READ 00006 to help students develop reading strategies to successfully complete college-level coursework. Students must complete READ 00006 with a minimum C grade. Students who have taken the Accuplacer Classic or Next Generation at another institution within two years of their initial start date may opt to transfer that score to Kent State University.

Assessment	Score	Placement
ACT Reading	0-19	READ 00006
ACT Reading	20+	No Course
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	200-470	READ 00006
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480+	No Course
Accuplacer Classic Reading	0-79	READ 00006
Accuplacer Classic Reading	80-120	No Course
Accuplacer Next Generation Reading	200-249	READ 00006
Accuplacer Next Generation Reading	250-300	No Course
GED Reasoning Through Language Arts College Ready	165+ *	No Course
Final high school GPA	0.00-2.79	READ 00006
Final high school GPA	2.8+	No course

* Kent State University awards college credit for GED 175+ scores.

Reason For Policy

A university critical reading placement policy ensures that students begin their university coursework prepared for the demands of critical reading and thinking at the college level. This knowledge supports academic success and persistence. A clear placement policy also promotes equity and consistency by applying uniform standards across students and modalities, while allowing for multiple measures (e.g., test scores, GPA) to account for diverse educational backgrounds.

Procedures

There are no procedures associated with this policy.

Forms/Instructions

There are no forms associated with this policy.

Additional Resources

- Credit Transfer
- Destination Kent State
- Placement and Testing Services
- Placement Assessments

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does READ 00006 Critical Reading count toward graduation?

No. READ 00006 is a developmental course. "Developmental" (also known as remedial) means a course that is below college level and cannot be applied toward a certificate or degree program. Although this course counts toward course load for financial aid and other purposes, the credit hours earned are subtracted from your total for graduation.

2. Can I challenge my placement in READ 00006?

Placement in READ 00006 Critical Reading is based on two measures: high school GPA and test scores. If your high school GPA and your score in either ACT Reading **or** SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing **or** Accuplacer/Accuplacer Next Generation Reading are below threshold levels, you are required to take READ 00006. If one of the two measures is above the threshold, you are not required to take READ 00006.

3. Are my scores still used if I have been out of high school for two years or more?

If your scores in either ACT Reading or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or Accuplacer/Accuplacer Next Generation are older than two years, you may retake the Accuplacer Next Generation reading test to use for placement. If the new score falls below the university threshold, you will be required to take READ 00006.

Additional FAQ: Critical Reading Strategies Placement

Definitions

Destination Kent State: A three-part orientation program designed for first-year students to familiarize them with Kent State University. The program provides new students with the tools necessary to enjoy a successful journey to graduation.

Sequence: Courses that must be taken in a definite order.

Related Information

- Alternative Credit Programs
- Developmental Coursework
- English Placement
- Foreign Language Placement
- Kent Core
- Mathematics Placement
- Standardized Test Score Reports
- University Readiness Standards

Revision History

Amended Fall 2026: Revised policy updates placement chart to remove READ 00003, which has been inactivated. Policy is renamed Critical Reading Strategies to reflect the removal of READ 00003 Core Reading Strategies for College Success.

Amended Fall 2022: Revised policy includes RC courses with READ courses.

Amended Fall 2020: Notation added that GED 175+ score is awarded college credit.

Amended Fall 2019: Revised policy removes old SAT placement scores (pre-2016) and adds placement scores for Accuplacer Next General Reading Comprehensive tests.

Amended Fall 2018: Revised policy changes SAT scores for placement due to the new SAT test.

Amended Fall 2017: Revised policy changes the SAT test and adds GED and Accuplacer tests for placement. Transfer students who completed Accuplacer within two years may transfer that score to Kent State. Policy name changes from Reading and Study Strategies Placement to Core and Critical Reading Strategies Placement to align with course changes.

Amended Fall 2014: Revised policy sets specific ACT, SAT and COMPASS scores for placement into reading strategies and study strategies courses. Students placing into US 00003 Reading Strategies must take US 00006 Reading Strategies in the following term.

Amended Fall 2012: Revised policy complies with the Ohio Remediation Free Standards for undergraduate students and to provide college-testing thresholds for placement into mathematics courses.