## FLORIDA COLLEGE ENTRY-LEVEL PLACEMENT TEST (FCELPT) 2010-11 GUIDELINES

The Florida College Entry-Level Placement Test (FCELPT), more commonly known as the College Placement Test (CPT), is an optional test offered by Miami Dade College (MDC) to eligible 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. The CPT is also available for other postsecondary readiness purposes such as assessment for special programs and for dual enrollment. The CPT assesses basic mathematics and communications competencies that are essential to perform college-level work.

One of the college's uses of the CPT is to place incoming students into appropriate college-level courses. Students who take the CPT can be provided additional counseling for their future plans and assistance for advisement during high school. CPT scores may also be used to establish eligibility for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award and the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE CPT TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

In accordance with State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.0315 and Section 1008.30, Florida Statutes, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and MDC have an agreement for the administration of the CPT to public high school students. Because of the primary purpose of the CPT, post-secondary institutions remain in control of this test and are accountable for its integrity and security. The state and community colleges will administer and score the CPT at no cost to the student. M-DCPS schools' role is to notify students of the opportunity to take the CPT and coordinate registration procedures with MDC.

#### WHAT'S NEW: SENATE BILL 1908 REQUIREMENTS

- As part of Senate Bill 1908, students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade may also be offered remedial coursework based on their CPT scores. These courses will be offered through the M-DCPS high school campuses and Adult Vocational Centers for the 2010-11 school year.
- Students who earn a final grade of "C" or better in the course and who score at
  or above the passing score on the State's exit test for these courses established
  by the postsecondary institution will not be required to enroll in the related
  remedial postsecondary course if enrolled in a Florida College System institution
  within two years of graduation.
- The CPT will also be used to calculate school grades beginning in 2010.

For additional FCAT information, visit <u>www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/</u> and click on *Other Testing Information*; then <u>FCAT Pilot Project Information</u>.

Miami Dade College and Miami-Dade County Public Schools. (2010, October). *District Interinstitutional Articulation Agreement, Postsecondary Readiness Assessment Agreement for Eligible High School Students*, (Appendix C). Miami, FL.

#### **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

Eligible students in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade will be given the option to take the ACCUPLACER CPT. The CPT is also available for other postsecondary readiness purposes such as assessment for special programs and for dual enrollment/early college programs. As of June 1, 2011, the primary placement test that will be given to eligible students in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade will be Florida's new Post-Secondary Education Readiness Test (PERT). The same administration agreements in place for the CPT will apply to PERT.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CPT

CPT in Brief			
Content:	The CPT measures skills in reading, sentence skills, and mathematics.		
Format:	The CPT is a multiple-choice, computer-administered test. A paper-pencil version is also available upon request.		
Type: The CPT is an un-timed test. Students typically take approximatel hours to complete all three subtests.			
Purpose: The CPT results provide students with information regarding basic sk levels which may be used for remediation purposes prior to high school graduation.			
Grades:	Eligible grade 11 students are invited to take the CPT.		
Dates and Times:	The target testing is from the first Monday in November through the last Friday in March. However, the CPT is available for eligible high school students throughout the academic year. Testing is available on a walkin basis.		
Registration:	Interested students, who are not testing on a walk-in basis, must register at their high school for group administrations. All group testing arrangements must be made, by appointment, at least 10 business days before their projected test date.		
Fee:	No cost to high school students. However, high school graduates must pay a \$10.00 re-testing fee.		
Test Site:	Students may take the CPT at any MDC campus testing center.		
Transportation:	Transportation to the testing center is not provided by the College.		
Score Reports:	Students will receive one copy of their score report. An additional copy is provided to the high school. An electronic file will also be provided to the school district by MDC.		

#### SCHOOL CPT COORDINATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Senior high schools and selected alternative education centers should appoint a CPT coordinator who will be responsible for managing school-level CPT testing activities. The name of each school's CPT coordinator should be submitted to the appropriate MDC Testing Director on or before the last Friday in October.

The school's CPT coordinator's primary responsibilities in managing the CPT administration are listed below and described in more detail in the following attachments, which are included in a guidelines document that is sent to high school principals at the beginning of each academic year: Attachment B, 2010-11 Florida College-Entry Level Placement Test (FCLEPT) Summary of Tasks and Attachment E, ACCUPLACER (CPT) Student Registration and Admissions Procedures.

- Call their MDC campus representative to coordinate scheduling of appointments for group test administrations at least 10 business days before their projected test date;
- Provide information about the test to teachers, counselors, students and parents;
- Inform students about proper identification requirements;
- Ensure students have an MDC ID number prior to taking the test.
- Prepare admission tickets for students planning to test on a walk-in basis;
- Ensure that the test sub-section(s) of the CPT that the student needs to take are on each admission ticket;
- Register interested students, and forward registration information to MDC;
- Maintain a roster of students who have registered to take the CPT;
- Schedule/confirm group appointments for test administrations; and
- Assist students, parents, and teachers with the interpretation of results.
- Ensure students have an MDC ID number prior to taking the test.

#### **TEST ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE**

The target testing period for the CPT is from the first Monday in November through the last Friday in March. However, the CPT is available for eligible high school students throughout the academic year. School CPT coordinators should make arrangements to schedule appointments for group testing. The school CPT coordinator can facilitate the process by identifying possible test dates and verifying available test slots for those dates.

Group test administrations will be scheduled by appointment only. Transportation to the testing center is not provided by the College.

## ANNOUNCING THE TEST DATES AND PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEST TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Each school is responsible for ensuring that students are informed about the CPT. For this purpose, the following documents are attached in the 2010-11 guidelines document that is sent to high school principals at the beginning of each academic year and may be duplicated as needed:

- ➤ The Florida College Entry-Level Placement Test Information for High School Students (Attachment C)
- ➤ Florida College Entry-Level Placement Test FCELPT Information for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (Attachment D)

Information about the use of the CPT for postsecondary readiness must be available to students and their parents prior to the target testing period.

#### CPT STUDENT REGISTRATION AND TEST ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Students must register at their high school at least 10 business days before their group testing appointment date. Procedures for student registration, maintaining student rosters, and providing admission tickets for students to the MDC test site are the responsibilities of the school CPT coordinator. The following attachments are included in the 2010-11 guidelines that is sent to high school principals at the beginning of each academic year: Campus maps (provided in Attachment F), and student rosters, admission tickets, and registration forms (provided in Attachments G). These attachments are for use by the CPT coordinator. The policies and procedures of MDC and the test publisher will be fully enforced.

#### CPT OPPORTUNITIES WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL

High School students have three opportunities to take the CPT while in the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) and tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) grades. They also have three opportunities while in the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) and (12<sup>th</sup>) grades.

#### MDC CAMPUSES AND TESTING CONTACTS

The participating MDC campus locations are: Hialeah, Homestead, InterAmerican, Kendall, Medical Center, North, West, and Wolfson. Senior high schools and selected alternative education centers have been paired with their closest MDC campus for testing. (Attachment A, Miami Dade College Assigned Testing Centers, which is included in the 2010-11 guidelines document that is sent to high school principals at the beginning of each academic year). Students may test at the campus of their choice.

#### MIAMI DADE COLLEGE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

Information about MDC can be accessed online at <a href="http://www.mdc.edu">http://www.mdc.edu</a>, the MDC Home Page. Testing and Test Preparation information can be accessed via <a href="http://www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/">http://www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/</a>.

#### REPORTING RESULTS

MDC will provide students with individual test score reports after each testing administration. Students will receive one copy of their score report. An additional copy is provided to the high school. The school CPT coordinator will distribute the score reports to counselors and will assist counselors, students, and parents with its interpretation. An electronic file will also be provided to the school district by MDC.

#### **USE OF FCAT AS CPT EXEMPTION – (FCAT/CPT PILOT PROJECT)**

MDC will continue to participate in the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)/CPT Pilot Project which has been extended through the 2010-11 academic year. The project allows eligible first-time-in-college regular admitted or dual/early college enrollment MDC students – to be exempt from taking the CPT if they earn an FCAT Grade 10 scale score within the ranges listed below:

 Reading 355-500 (equivalent of Level 4 or 5) for exemption from College Preparatory

Reading and placement in ENC 1101

• Math 375-500 (equivalent of Level 5) for placement in MAC 1105, MGF 1106,

MGF 1107, or STA2023

For additional FCAT information, visit:

http://www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/other\_testing\_info.asp then click on the link named FCAT Pilot Project Information.

## **Attachment A**

## **Miami Dade College Assigned Testing Centers**

Miami Dade College Campus and Contact Information	Senior High Schools Assigned To This Testing Center
Hialeah Campus	7011 - American Senior
1780 West 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Hialeah, FL 33012	7262 - City of Hialeah Educational Academy
Testing Coordinator: Ms. Dora Mejia-Montoya E-mail: dora.mejia-montoya@mdc.edu	7054 - Excelsior Charter High School
Recruitment Coordinator:  Ms. Kim Tupy E-mail: ktupy@mdc.edu	7191 - Hialeah Gardens Senior High School
305-237-8871	7160 - Mater Academy Charter High School
To schedule an appointment for a group test administration contact:	7014 - Mater Performing Arts and Entertainment Academy
Testing Office Phone: 305-237-8791 Fax: 305-237-8846	7251 - Miami Central Senior High School
Test Center: Room 1224	7049 - Westland Hialeah Senior High School
Note: Students testing on a walk-in basis must identify themselves as Postsecondary Readiness Assessment Agreement participants.	

Miami Dade College Campus and Contact Information	Senior High Schools Assigned To This Testing Center
	8201 - Corporate Academy South
Homestead Campus 500 College Terrace	8131 - Dorothy M. Wallace COPE Center South
Homestead, FL 33030	7151 - Homestead Senior
Testing Director: Mr. Ivo Rokovich	7050 - Keys Gate Charter High School
E-mail: ivo.rokovich@mdc.edu	7036 - Lawrence Academy Senior High Charter School
Recruitment Director: Ms. Najmad Ahmad	7065 - Mavericks High of South Miami Dade
E-mail: najmad.ahmad@mdc.edu 305-237-5197	7171- Medical Academy for Science and Technology
To schedule an appointment for a group test	7058 - Miami Community Charter High School
administration contact:	7731 - Miami Southridge
Testing Office Phone: 305-237-5105	7371 - Robert Morgan Education Center
Fax: 305-237-5213	7551 - School for Advanced Studies - Homestead
Test Center: Room A-114	<b>7030 -</b> School for Integrated Academics and Technologies South
Note: Students testing on a walk-in basis must identify themselves as <b>Postsecondary</b>	7042 - Somerset Academy Charter High School
Readiness Assessment Agreement participants.	7038 - Somerset Academy High School (South Campus)
	7701 - South Dade Senior

Miami Dade College Campus and Contact Information	Senior High Schools Assigned To This Testing Center
InterAmerican Campus 627 S.W. 27 Avenue	7022 - Academy of Arts & Minds
Miami, FL 33135	7791 - Booker T. Washington Senior
Testing Director: Mr. Julio Fernandez de Cueto	7020 - Doral Academy High School
E-mail: <u>iferna13@mdc.edu</u>	<b>7009 -</b> Doral Performing Arts and Entertainment Academy
Recruitment Director: Mr. Carlos Rossie	7007 - International Studies Charter High School
E-mail: carlos.rossie@mdc.edu 305-237-6366	7571 – International Studies Preparatory Academy
To schedule an appointment for a group test administration contact:	7015 - Life Skills Center Miami-Dade County
Testing Office	7037 - Mater Academy East Charter High School
Phone: 305-237-6041 Fax: 305-237-6207 Testing Center: Room 1110	7024 - Mater Academy High School of International Studies
	7271 - Miami Coral Park Senior
Note: Students testing on a walk-in basis must identify themselves as <b>Postsecondary Readiness</b>	7461 - Miami Senior
Assessment Agreement participants.	<b>7053 -</b> Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School*
	7055 - Young Women's Preparatory Academy

Miami Dade College Campus and Contact Information	Senior High Schools Assigned To This Testing Center
Kendall Campus	7265 - Archimedean Upper Conservatory
11011 S.W. 104 Street Miami, FL 33176	7101 - Coral Reef Senior
Testing Director:	7781 - Felix Varela Senior
Mr. Juan Carlos Meza E-mail: juan.meza@mdc.edu	<b>7051 -</b> G. Holmes Braddock Senior
Recruitment Director:	<b>7121 -</b> John A. Ferguson Senior
Ms. Diana Giorgi E-mail: <u>diana.giorgi@mdc.edu</u>	2861 – JRE Lee Opportunity School
305-237-0742	7361 - Miami Killian Senior
To schedule an appointment for a group test administration contact:	7631 - Miami MacArthur South
	7431 - Miami Palmetto Senior
Testing Office Phone: 305-237-2748	7531 - Miami Sunset Senior
Fax: 305-237-0679  Test Center: Room 5213	<b>7091 -</b> School for Advanced Studies - South
	7721 - South Miami Senior
Note: Students testing on a walk-in basis must	7741 - Southwest Miami Senior
identify themselves as Postsecondary Readiness Assessment Agreement participants.	7029 - Terra Environmental Research Institute

Miami Dade College Campus and Contact Information	Senior High Schools Assigned To This Testing Center
Medical Center Campus 950 NW 20 Street Miami, FL 33127	At this time, no specific high school is assigned to this test center. It should be noted that students who wish to test at this site may do so.
Testing Director:  Mr. Alejandro Alvarez  E-mail: alvare1@mdc.edu	The Medical Center Campus serves students who enroll in Healthcare Programs.
Recruitment Director: Ms. Erica Redman E-mail: erica.redman@mdc.edu 305-237-4179	
To schedule an appointment for a group test administration contact:	
Testing Office Phone: 305-237-4275 Fax: 305-237-4347	
Test Center: 1303	
Note: Students testing on a walk-in basis must identify themselves as Postsecondary Readiness Assessment Agreement participants.	

Miami Dade College Campus and Contact Information	Senior High Schools Assigned To This Testing Center
North Campus 11380 N.W. 27 Avenue Miami, FL 33167	7048 - Alonso and Tracy Mourning Senior High Biscayne Bay
	8017 - Alternative Outreach Program
Testing Director:  Ms. Barbara Rodriguez	7751 - Barbara Goleman Senior
E-mail: <u>barbara.rodriguez@mdc.edu</u>	8121 - COPE Center North
Recruitment Specialist: Ms. Maria Martinez-Alfonso	6040 - Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores
E-mail: mmati10@mdc.edu 305-237-8419	7141 - Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior
To schedule an appointment for a group test	7111 - Hialeah Senior
administration contact:	7131 - Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior
Testing Office Phone: 305-237-1015	8101 – Jan Mann Opportunity School
Fax: 305-237-1015	8141 - Juvenile Justice Center
Test Center: Room 1160	7017 - Life Skills Center, Opa-Locka
	7018 - Mater Academy Lakes High School
Note: Students testing on a walk-in basis must identify themselves as Postsecondary Readiness Assessment Agreement participants.	7062 - Mavericks High of North Miami Dade
	7231 - Miami Carol City Senior
	7391 - Miami Lakes Educational Center
	7254 – Miami MacArthur North
	7381 - Miami Norland Senior
	7541 - North Miami Beach Senior
	7591 - North Miami Senior
	7061 - School for Advanced Studies - North
	7030 - School for Integrated Academics and Technologies North
	7601 - William H. Turner Technical Arts High

Miami Dade College Campus and Contact Information	Senior High Schools Assigned To This Testing Center
West Campus 3800 NW 115 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Doral, Fl. 33178  Testing Director:	The Test Centers below are shared with other MDC campuses. It should be noted that students attending high schools in the Doral area may test at this site.
West Campus Contact Dr. Bruce Smitley E-mail: bsmitley@mdc.edu	The West Campus serves the Doral area.
305-237-8580  Recruitment Coordinator:  Ms. Sahyli Galera  E-mail: <a href="mailto:sgalera@mdc.edu">sgalera@mdc.edu</a> 305-237-8912	<b>7053 -</b> Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter High School*
To schedule an appointment for a group test administration contact:	7241 - Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School
Testing Office: West Campus Phone: 305-237-8912 Fax: 305-237-8917	
Testing Center: 1260-1	
Note: There is no walk-in basis at West Campus. Students need to schedule an appointment and must identify themselves as Postsecondary Readiness Assessment Agreement participants.	

Miami Dade College Campus and Contact Information	Senior High Schools Assigned To This Testing Center
Wolfson Campus 300 N.E. 2 Avenue Miami, FL 33132	8019 - Academy for Community Education (ACE)
	7071 - Coral Gables Senior
Testing Director:	8161 - Corporate Academy North
Mr. Adam Porro E-mail: <u>adam.porro@mdc.edu</u>	7081 - Design and Architect Senior (DASH)
Recruitment Director: Ms. Esperanza Vera	7033 - Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School
E-mail: <u>esperanza.vera@mdc.edu</u> 305-237-3487	7161 - Maritime and Science Technology High School (MAST)
To schedule an appointment contact:	7059 - Miami Arts Charter
Testing Office Phone: 305-237-3011	7201 - Miami Beach Senior
Fax: 305-237-7622	7001 - Miami-Dade Online Academy
Test Center: Room 3104	7301 - Miami Edison Senior
Note: Students testing on a walk-in basis must identify themselves as Postsecondary Readiness Assessment Agreement participants.	7341 - Miami Jackson Senior
	7411 - Miami Northwestern Senior
	7511 - Miami Springs Senior
	7901 - New World School of the Arts (NWSA)
	7581- iPreparatory Academy High School
	7041- School for Advanced Studies - Wolfson
	8171 - School for Applied Technology
	<b>7056</b> - Young Men's Preparatory Academy (Buena Vista Campus)

#### Attachment B

### Miami Dade College and Miami-Dade County Public Schools

## The Florida College Entry-Level Placement Test - FCELPT Information for High School Students

What would you like to do when you graduate from high school? Are you planning to attend college? If you are, it is important for you to start thinking about it <u>now</u> so that you can be ready for that important step.

All of the State and Community Colleges in Florida are required to give a test to students who are entering college for the first time to find out if they are ready to take college-level classes. To prepare for college, it is very important that you take the right courses in high school. Miami Dade College gives a test called The *Florida College Entry-Level Placement Test* (FCELPT); more commonly called the *College Placement Test* (CPT), which will assist you in your plans for college preparation.

## What is the Florida College Entry-Level Placement Test?

This is a test that measures your skills in three areas: reading comprehension, sentence skills, and mathematics. You must go to one of Miami Dade College's testing centers to take the CPT.

Test instructions and practice questions appear on the computer screen. You will use the keyboard or a mouse to select your answers. You must answer every question in the order in which it appears because you cannot skip a question or return later to change an answer. So, if you are not sure of an answer, you must take your best guess. You are not permitted to use dictionaries, books, notes, or electronic devices. Scratch paper will be provided by the test administrator for student use during the mathematics sections of the test.

This test is treated just like any other important test — you must do your own work. Any improper behavior in the room will be cause for dismissal.

## Do I have to pay a fee for this test?

No cost to high school students. However, high school graduates must pay a \$10.00 re-testing fee.

## What kinds of questions are included in the test?

All questions are multiple choice. The Reading Comprehension part measures how well you understand what you read. The Sentence Skills part measures your understanding of how sentences are put together and what makes a sentence complete. The Algebra part measures your knowledge of algebra including operations with real numbers, algebraic expressions, and the solution of equations. The results of the Algebra test determine if you should take the Arithmetic test or the College-Level Mathematics test.

## Why do I need to take this test? Do I need it to graduate?

This test is <u>not</u> needed to graduate. It is given to you <u>now</u> in order to help you discover the areas that you need to study while in high school in order to give you the opportunity to choose the courses that will prepare you to do well in college. If you take the appropriate courses, by the time you graduate from high school you should be ready to take college-level courses and should not have to spend time in remedial courses.

## How long is the test?

The *College Placement Test* is not a timed test. Students usually take approximately 2 hours to complete it.

## Do I have to prepare for the test?

Since the purpose of the test is to measure your current skill level, there is no need to study. However, you may wish to review the skills that you have learned. Some students like to "brush up" on mathematics skills or rules of grammar. Sample questions similar to the ones found in the CPT are provided at the end of this information packet.

Remember, the CPT is only useful if you take it seriously and do your best work. Some of the things that will help you do your best are: get a good night's sleep; eat breakfast or lunch before the test; relax; and do not allow people to distract you. Talk to your guidance counselor for other test-taking tips.

#### What will I need to do to take the test?

You will need to:

- Submit a registration form to the CPT coordinator in your school.
- Select a testing date and time from the list provided by your school's CPT coordinator.
- Get an admission ticket from the CPT coordinator.
- Obtain an MDC ID #. You will need to know your social security number for this purpose.
- Go to the assigned Miami Dade College testing location on the day of your test. You will have to provide your own transportation. Be on time.
- Present your admission ticket at the Miami Dade College testing center on the day of the
  test, together with valid photo identification such as a Florida driver's license, State of
  Florida Identification card, unexpired passport, recent alien residency card, military ID, tribal
  ID, or identification letter on school letterhead with a recent photo).

**NOTE:** School-issued student identification cards are acceptable for admission to the test. If you do <u>not</u> have an acceptable form of photo identification, see your guidance counselor to obtain an identification letter on your school's letterhead.

For additional ID information, visit <a href="www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/">www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/</a> and click on Other Testing Information; then <a href="Testing Requirements">Testing Requirements and Acceptable Identifications</a>.

## How will I know about my results?

MDC will provide you with a test score report at the end of the testing session. Copies of the score report will be mailed to your guidance counselor. The results will help you and your counselor plan your high school schedule so you can take the courses that will prepare you for college. These test results will not affect the grades in any of your high school courses.

## Can I take this test again?

This test is not a pass or fail test. It is used to let you and your school know in what areas you need to work on in high school – reading, writing, or math. High school students have three opportunities to take the CPT while in the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) and tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) grades. They also have three opportunities while in the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) and twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grades.

## Why is this test important?

Miami Dade College offers scholarships to high school students who have outstanding academic performance. One of the requirements to qualify (in addition to being in the top 20% of the graduating class) is to pass two of the three sections of the CPT, or present appropriate scores on the SAT or ACT.

The CPT is an important test because it helps to determine if you can get a scholarship at Miami Dade College. Scores from the CPT are also used to determine eligibility to earn the Gold Seal Scholars Award through the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

#### What else do I need to know about the test?

Taking it now offers you the opportunity to experience the type of questions that you will be asked when you take the CPT at a postsecondary institution.

## Where can I get more information?

For additional testing information, please visit <a href="http://www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/">http://www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/</a>. For test preparation and practice information, please click the appropriate link and visit <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/index.html">http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/index.html</a>.

#### **Attachment C**

Florida College Entry-Level Placement Test - FCELPTInformation for Miami-Dade County Public Schools

#### **TEST INFORMATION**

Miami Dade College administers the *College Placement Test* (CPT) battery of the FCELPT for basic skills assessment on all of its campuses. The CPT is untimed, but takes approximately two hours to complete it. The student must bring an admission ticket, together with valid photo identification such as a Florida driver's license, State of Florida Identification card, unexpired passport, recent alien residency card, military ID, tribal ID, or identification letter on school letterhead with a recent photo).

**NOTE:** School-issued student identification cards are acceptable for admission to the test. If you do <u>not</u> have an acceptable form of photo identification, see your guidance counselor to obtain an identification letter on your school's letterhead.

For additional ID information, visit <a href="www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/">www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/</a> and click on Other Testing Information; then Testing Requirements and Acceptable Identifications.

#### **TEST ADMINISTRATION**

All students must take the reading, sentence skills, and algebra sections. Algebra test scores will be used to determine if the student should take an arithmetic test or an advanced math test. There is no penalty for guessing on any of the sections. If the student's score is below the State-mandated score on any portion of the test, State policy requires placement in college preparatory classes.

#### ADDITIONAL TESTING INFORMATION

Information about each section of the CPT is provided below and on the following pages. Sample questions are also included. Please review this information for each of these areas prior to taking the CPT. For additional testing information, please visit <a href="http://www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/">http://www.mdc.edu/testing\_information/</a>. For test preparation and practice information, please click the appropriate link and visit <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/index.html">http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/index.html</a>.

**READING COMPREHENSION (CPT):** The Reading Comprehension test consists of approximately 20 questions of two types. The first type consists of a reading passage followed by a question based on the text. Both short and long <u>narrative reading passages are included on the test</u>. The second type of question, sentence relationships, presents two sentences followed by a question about the relationship between these two sentences. In the Reading Comprehension test each student will receive four long reading passages, eight to nine questions based on short passages, and four to five questions involving sentence relationship

#### Sample Questions for Reading Comprehension

Question 1: (Narrative Questions)

Read the statement or passage and then choose the best answer to the question. Answer the question based on what is stated or implied in the statement or passage.

There are two types of pottery that I do. There is a production pottery – mugs, tableware, the kinds of things that sell easily. These pay for my time to do my other work, which is more creative and satisfies my needs as an artist

The author of this passage implies that:

- (A) artists have a tendency to waste valuable time
- (B) creativity and mass production are incompatible
- (C) most people do not appreciate good art
- (D) pottery is not produced by creative artists

Question 2: (Sentence Relationships Question)

Two underlined sentences are followed by a question or statement about them. Read each pair of sentences and then choose the best answer to the questions or the best completion of the statement.

The Midwest is experiencing its worst drought in fifteen years.

Corn and soybean prices are expected to be very high this year.

What does the second sentence do?

- (A) It restates the idea found in the first.
- (B) It states an effect.
- (C) It gives an example
- (D) It analyzes the statement made in the first

**SENTENCE SKILLS (CPT):** The Sentence Skills test consists of approximately 20 questions. This test consists of two types of questions. The first type is sentence correction questions, which require an understanding of sentence structure. These questions ask students to choose the most appropriate word or phrase to substitute for the underlined portion of the sentence. The second type is construction shift questions that require a sentence be rewritten according to the criteria shown while maintaining essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

#### Sample Questions for Sentence Skills

Question 1: (Sentence Correction Question)

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. The first choice is the same as the original sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

Ms. Rose <u>planning</u> to teach a course in biology next summer.

- (A) planning
- (B) are planning
- (C) with a plan
- (D) plans

Question 2: (Construction Shift Question)

Rewrite the sentence in your head, following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the sentence given you.

Being a female jockey, she was often interviewed.

Rewrite beginning with

She was often interviewed...

The next words will be

- (A) on account of she was
- (B) by her being
- (C) because she was
- (D) being as she was

**ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA (CPT):** The Elementary Algebra test consists of approximately 12 multiple-choice questions covering three areas.

- The first area involves operations with integers and rational numbers and includes computation with integers and negative rationales, the use of absolute values and ordering. The results of this test are used to determine whether the student can be placed in college-level algebra. These questions test the minimal skill level of the student.
- A second area involves operations with algebraic expressions test minimal skill levels using evaluation of simple formulas and expressions, and adding and subtracting monomials and polynomials. At all skill levels, there are questions involving multiplying and dividing monomials and polynomials, evaluating positive rational roots and exponents, simplifying algebraic fractions, and factoring.
- The third area involves the solution of equations, inequalities, and word problems. Few questions from this category are presented to the student unless he or she shows skill in this area. When a high degree of competence is indicated, questions from this category include solving linear equations and inequalities, the solution of quadratic equations by factoring, solving verbal problems presented in an algebraic context, geometric reasoning and graphing, and the translation of written phrases into algebraic expressions.

Algebra test scores are used to determine if the student should take the Arithmetic test or the College-Level Mathematics test.

Sample Questions for Elementary Algebra		
Question 1:	Question 2:	Question 3:
If a number is divided by 4 and then 3 is subtracted, the result is 0. What is the number?  (A) 12 (C) 3 (B) 4 (D) 2	16x - 8 = (A) $8x$ (B) $8(2x-x)$ (C) $8(2x-1)$ (D) $8(2x-8)$	if $x^2 - x - 6 = 0$ , the x is (A) -2 or 3 (B) -1 or 6 (C) 1 or -6 (D) 2 or -3

ARITHMETIC SKILLS (CPT): The Arithmetic test consists of approximately 17 multiple-choice questions that cover three areas.

- The first area involves operations with whole numbers and fractions. Topics include addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, recognizing equivalent fractions and mixed numbers, and estimating.
- The second area involves operations with decimals and percents. Topics include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with decimals. Percent problems, recognition of decimals, fraction and percent equivalencies, and estimating problems are also given.
- The third area involves applications and problem solving. Topics include rate and percent, measurement problems, simple geometry problems, and problems involving the distribution of a quantity into its fractional parts.

Questions from all three categories are always presented to the student although the number of questions from each category varies with the student's skill level. For example, if the student's responses show minimal arithmetic skills, presenting too many applications problems is pointless. On the other hand, a student exhibiting good skill with whole numbers and fractions will be presented with more of these types of problems. Thus, the proportion of questions in the various areas will automatically vary according to the student's responses. In this sense, this test is highly adaptive in nature.

Sample Questions for Arithmetic		
Question 1:	Question 2:	Question 3:
Solve the following problems and choose your answer from the alternatives given. You may use the paper you have been given for scratch work.  All of the following are ways to write 20 percent of N <i>EXCEPT</i> (A) 0.020N	Which of the following is closest to $\sqrt{10.5}$ ?   (A) 3   (B) 4   (C) 5   (D) 8	Three people who work full time are to work together on a project, but their total time on the project is to be equivalent to that of only one person working full time. If one of the people is budgeted for ½ of his time to the project and a second person for 1/3 of her time, what part of the third worker's time should be budgeted to this project?
(A) 0.020N (B) 20/100N (C) 1/5N (D) 20N		(A) 1/3 (B) 1/4 (C) 1/6 (D) 1/8

**COLLEGE-LEVEL MATHEMATICS:** The College-Level Mathematics test consists of 20 multiple-choice questions that cover five areas assessing proficiency from intermediate algebra through pre-calculus.

- The first area includes algebraic operations including simplifying rational algebraic expressions, factoring and expanding polynomials, and manipulating roots and exponents.
- The second area includes solutions of equations and inequalities including the solution of linear and quadratic equations by factoring, expanding polynomials, and manipulating roots and exponents.
- The third area covers coordinate geometry including questions about plane geometry, the coordinate plane, straight lines, conics, sets of points in a plane, and graphs of algebraic functions.
- The fourth area includes application and other algebraic topics including complex numbers, series and sequences, determinants and permutations, combinations and fractions, and word problems.
- The fifth area covers polynomial, algebraic, exponential, and logarithmic functions as well as questions about trigonometric functions.

Sample Questions for College-Level Mathematics	
Question 1:	Question 2:
if $f(x) = x^4 - x + 2$ , then $f(-x) =$	The equation $x^2 + 2ix - 4 = 0$ has as its roots
(A) $x^4-x$ (B) $x^4+x$ (C) $x^4-x+2$ (D) $x^4+x+2$	(A) $\sqrt{5} - 1$ , $-\sqrt{5} - 1$ (B) $\sqrt{5} - i$ , $\sqrt{5} + i$ (C) $\sqrt{3} - i$ , $-\sqrt{5} + i$ (D) $\sqrt{3} - i$ , $\sqrt{3} - i$ (E) $\sqrt{3} - i$ , $-\sqrt{3} - i$

Answers to Sample Questions						
Reading Comprehension	Sentence Skills	Elementary Algebra	Arithmetic Skills			
1. B	1. D	1. A	1. D			
2. B	2. C	2. C	2. A			
		3. A	3. C			
College-Level Mathematics						
1. D						
2. E						

Note: A pop up calculator will appear on selected mathematics sections of the test.

#### Attachment D

## College Placement Test (CPT) Student Registration and Admissions Procedures

## **Student Registration**

The school CPT coordinator will be responsible for registering eligible high school students who may want to take the CPT. The school CPT coordinator should contact the Miami Dade College (MDC) Testing Director to determine the testing dates and times available for the students before beginning the registration process. **The student registration deadline is 10 business days before their scheduled appointment for testing.** The registration procedures are as follows:

- Complete the master copy of the High School Registration Form (attached) by filling in:
  - o Your school's name and location code number;
  - The name of your assigned MDC campus.
- Duplicate the master registration form, as needed, and provide it to students along with a list of available testing dates and times.
- Register eligible students and verify that students have selected a time and a date to take the test and written their choice on the registration form.
- Keep a record of students who registered to take the CPT, specifying their selected testing dates and times. For this purpose, use the enclosed *College Placement Test* (CPT) Student Roster" or a similar form.
- Submit the registration forms and a copy of the College Placement Test (CPT) Student Roster to the MDC representative at least 10 business days before the first scheduled appointment.
- Notify participating Grade 11 students to identify themselves as Grade 11 testing agreement participants at the testing site.

## **Special Instructions for Magnet Schools and Alternative Education Centers**

Although students who attend magnet schools and alternative education centers have been assigned to an MDC campus for their testing site, provisions have been made to accommodate commuting students who request a campus closer to their home. The school CPT coordinator must contact the MDC Testing Director to discuss testing arrangements for these students.

## **Testing Modifications**

Students with disabilities may be eligible for testing modifications during the administration of the CPT. If you have a student who has a physical or learning disability and an active Individual Education Plan (IEP), or a student with a temporary disability (e.g., broken arm):

- Contact the MDC Testing Director to arrange for those students who merit special testing modifications.
- In the comment section of the registration form, write the special modifications that will be offered to the student.

The CPT administration procedures do not provide nor permit special modifications for Limited English Proficient (LEP) students.

#### Student Admission Ticket

Attached are one-sided copies of the student admission ticket and the campus maps. Please duplicate these so that the student admission ticket is on one side and the school's designated MDC campus map is on the other side of the document.

- The school CPT coordinator should complete the student information section after verifying that the registration form has been correctly completed.
- Complete the admission ticket by filling in the name of the student and his/her testing session. The student number must be the student's MDC ID number, which must be obtained prior to taking the test.
- Be sure that each registered student receives an admission ticket. Students will not be permitted to take the test without a valid admission ticket.

## **Important Reminders**

Please remind students that they must follow MDC's guidelines for taking the CPT, as well as any other campus rules and regulations specified by the college (e.g., parking). The following reminders must be announced to students who register to take the test:

- Students must report to their testing location no later than the time indicated on their admission ticket. Students will not be permitted to register late or to "walk in" on the testing date.
- Students must present the admission ticket to the MDC test administrator to be allowed to take the test. The name on the admission ticket must be the same as the student name on his/her ID card or identification letter.
- Students will be required to present valid photo identification (e.g., Florida driver's license, State of Florida Identification card, unexpired passport, recent alien residency card, military ID, or tribal ID, or identification letter on school letterhead with a recent photo). **School ID cards will be accepted**.
- Students will take the test on a computer. Students are not permitted to use dictionaries, books, notes, calculators, or electronic devices (including cellular phones). Scratch paper will be provided by the test administrator for student use during the mathematics sections of the test.
   A pop up calculator will appear on selected mathematics sections of the test.
- Students must provide their own transportation to and from the testing site.

#### Attachment E

The Hialeah Campus is located in the City of Hialeah and can be easily reached from the North or South by way of the Palmetto Expressway exit on NW 103<sup>rd</sup> street (West 55<sup>th</sup> street). The Center can also be reached via I-95 by taking the 103<sup>rd</sup> street exit (49<sup>th</sup> street) and going West to 17<sup>th</sup> avenue. The Hialeah Campus is easily located across Westland Mall on the South side of 49<sup>th</sup> street. http://www.mdc.edu/north/hialeah/.

## **Hialeah Campus**

1780 W. 49<sup>th</sup> Street Hialeah, FL. 33012

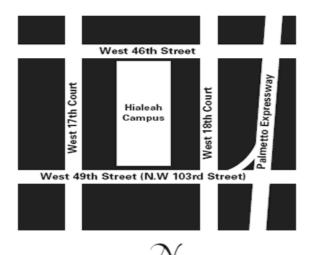
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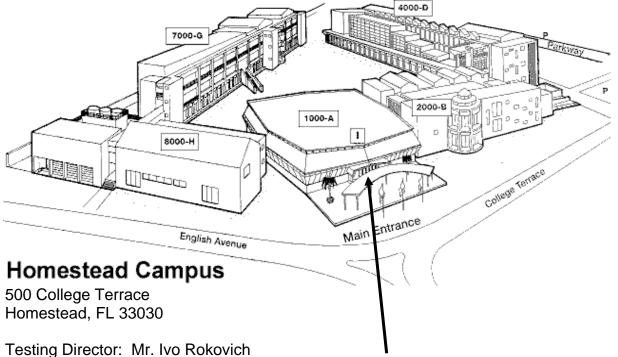
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To schedule an appointment contact:

Testing Department Phone: 305-237-8791 Fax: 305-237-8846

Test Center: Room 1224





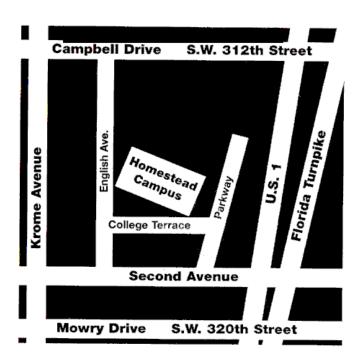
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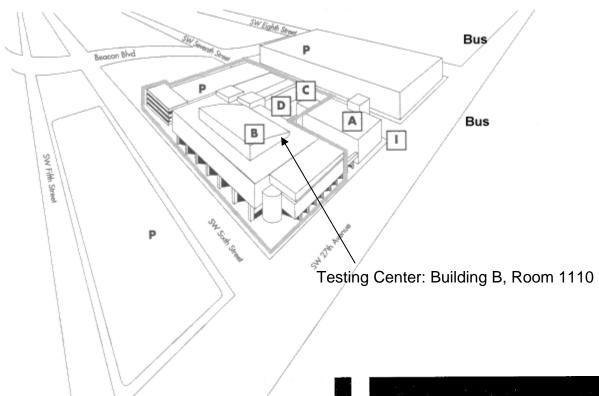
**Testing Office** 

Phone: 305-237-5105 Fax: 305-237-5213

Testing Center: Room A-114



Testing Center: Building 1000-A, Room A-114



## **InterAmerican Campus**

627 S.W. 27 Avenue Miami, FL 33135

Testing Director: Mr. Julio Fernandez de Cueto

E-mail: jferna13@mdc.edu

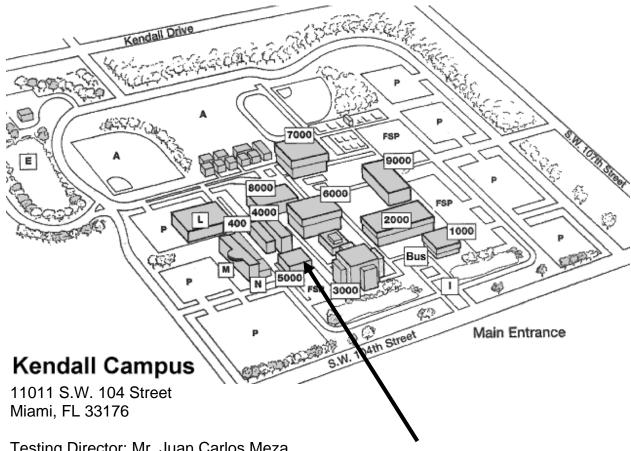
To schedule an appointment contact:

**Testing Office** 

Phone: 305-237-6041 Fax: 305-237-6207

Testing Center: Room 1110





Testing Director: Mr. Juan Carlos Meza

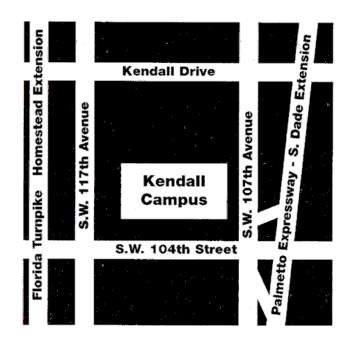
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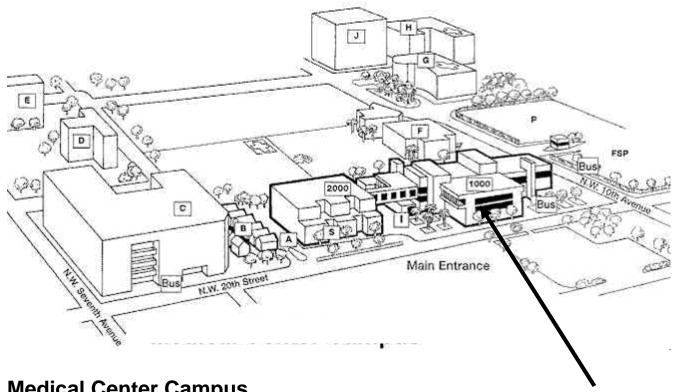
**Testing Office** 

Phone: 305-237-2748 Fax: 305-237-0679

Testing Center: Room 5213



Testing Center: Room 5213



Testing Center: Building 1000, Room 1303

**Medical Center Campus** 

950 NW 20 Street Miami, Fl. 33127-4622

Testing Director: Mr. Alejandro Alvarez

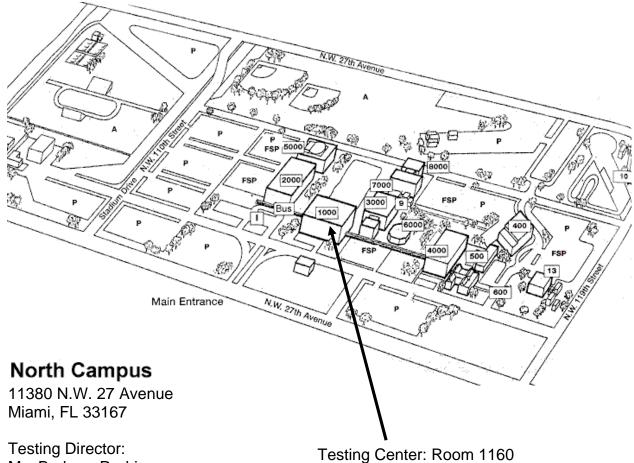
Email: <u>alvare1@mdc.edu</u>

To schedule an appointment contact:

**Testing Office** 

Phone: 305-237-4275 Fax: 305-237-4347

Testing Center: Building 1000, Room 1303



**Testing Director:** 

Ms. Barbara Rodriguez

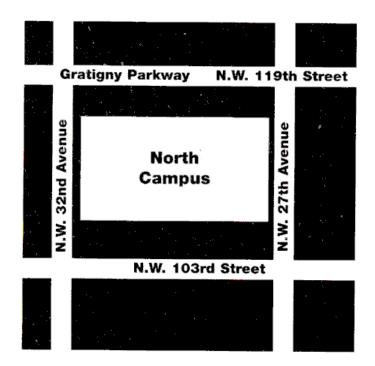
Email: <u>barbara.rodriguez@mdc.edu</u>

To schedule an appointment contact:

**Testing Office** 

Phone: 305-237-1015 Fax: 305-237-1889

Testing Center: Room 1160



The West Campus is located in the City of Doral and can be easily reached from the Florida Turnpike and NW 41<sup>st</sup> Street. http://www.mdc.edu/west

West Campus 3800 NW 115<sup>th</sup> Ave Doral, Fl. 33178

**Testing Director:** Dr. Bruce Smitley

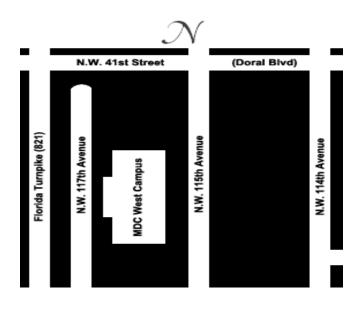
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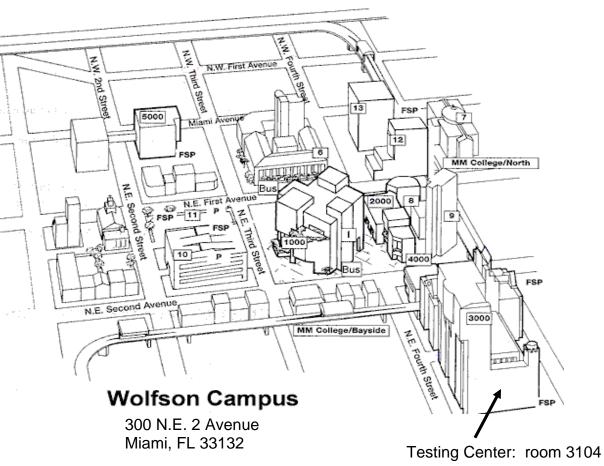
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**Testing Office** 

Phone: 305-237-8912 Fax: 305-237-8917

Testing Center: 1260-1





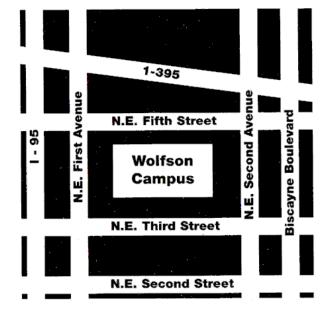
Testing Director: Mr. Adam Porro Email: <a href="mailto:adam.porro@mdc.edu">adam.porro@mdc.edu</a>

To schedule an appointment contact:

**Testing Office** 

Phone: 305-237-3011 Fax: 305-237-7622

Testing Center: Room 3104



### **Attachment F**

## Miami-Dade County Public Schools College Placement Test (CPT) Student Roster

School Name:	
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#### Please:

- Call your Miami Dade College (MDC) Testing Director to get your school's test dates and how many students can be accommodated in each testing session.
- Keep a list of students who have registered to take the CPT.
- Forward a copy of this form to your MDC Testing Director at least 10 business days before the first test is scheduled.

Testing Session:	Testing Session:	Testing Session:
Date:	Date:	Date:
Time:	Time:	Time:
Student Name	Student Name	Student Name
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.
7.	7.	7.
8.	8.	8.
9.	9.	9.
10.	10.	10.
11.	11.	11.
12.	12.	12.
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14.	14.	14.
15.	15.	15.
16.	16.	16.
17.	17.	17.
18.	18.	18.
19.	19.	19.
20.	20.	20.

Duplicate as needed.

## MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## **ADMISSION TICKET**

for

## College Placement Test (CPT)

## At Miami Dade College

Student Name:		
High School ID Number:	Current Grade:	
MDC ID Number:		
High School:		
Testing Date:	Testing Time:	
Campus:	-	

#### **IMPORTANT**

On the day of the test, you must:

- Bring this admission ticket to the test center.
- Be on time for your appointment.
- Have valid photo identification such as a Florida driver's license, State of Florida identification card, unexpired passport, recent alien residency card, military ID, tribal ID, or identification letter on school letterhead with a recent photo.
- Students are not permitted to use dictionaries, books, notes, calculators, or electronic devices (including cellular phones). Scratch paper will be provided by the test administrator for student use during the mathematics sections of the test.\*

<sup>\*</sup> Note: A pop up calculator will appear on selected mathematics sections of the test.

# Miami Dade County Public Schools Registration Form

#### For

# College Placement Test (CPT) At Miami Dade College

Student Name:				
High School ID Nur	mber:	<del></del>		
MDC ID Number: _				
Permanent Address:	:			
Phone Number:		Birth Date	e:	
High School Name: _				
High School Location	n Code:	Current (	Grade:	
Campus:				
		ate	Testing Time	
IMPORTANT:				
	sport, recent alien reside		driver's license, State of Flo ID, tribal ID, or a identific	
				test. If you do <u>not</u> have an cation letter on your school's
	D information, visit <u>www.r</u> ements and Acceptable Id		formation/ and click on Oth	ner Testing Information; then
•	You must have an admis	sion ticket.		

Comments (Counselor Only)