

### *Placement Process*

For the last four years, OCCC has been involved in a state-wide work group examining the way that students are placed into appropriate college classes- initial process. Based on this work, the college has implemented the national best practice of using multiple measure placement for all students fall of 2016-2017.

The placement process at OCCC starts with an initial advising appointment to discuss academic and career goals.

The advising specialist uses the following information to place students:

- Cumulative High School GPA as well as specific grades in writing and math courses
- Smarter Balanced Scores (high school proficiency)
- SAT/ACT scores
- GED scores
- Transcripts from previous colleges or universities
- Past work or academic experience
- Placement documents created by writing faculty.
- Placement documents created by math faculty.
- Referrals to Math and Writing faculty

If additional assessment is needed, the AccuPlacer test covers reading and writing, and the ALEKS test is used for mathematics. The AccuPlacer and ALEKS placement tests are offered regularly at the Central County Campus and the North County Center.