San Jose City College is committed to student success. New, first-time college students must complete a self-guided assessment in English or English as a Second Language and Mathematics if they plan to earn an associate degree and/or transfer to a four-year college or university.

1. **Self-Guided Placement:** For course placement, new, first-time college students have the option to complete the self-guided assessment in English or English as a Second Language and Mathematics. Students may also bring in transcripts to a counselor proving eligibility for coursework prior to course registration.

2. **ESL Assessment:** We continue to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) placement testing for students who feel they need additional language acquisition support. Placement test results are used for course placement purposes only. They are not used to prevent any student from enrolling and/or attending San Jose City College. Counselors at SJCC will use these results along with other information to help students decide on a program of courses.
   - ESL students can make an appointment for ESL assessment by doing one of the following:
     - Contact the ESL Department at (408)288-3719, or visit GE-206.
     - Send an email to ESL.Info@sjcc.edu.
     - Visit the Testing Center located in the Student Center, SC-203 (closed during COVID-19).
     - Visit the following link on the ESL website and scroll down to the ESL assessment section: https://sjcc.edu/dept/esl.aspx


4. **Exemptions:** Students who enroll in Open Curriculum classes ONLY or EMT classes ONLY are exempted from advisement. For other exemptions, see the section on exemption requirements.

5. **High School Students:** All high school students (R-40) and special admit students (R-42) are required to complete the self-guided assessment. For more information, see the section on high school student requirements.