If students don't have valid high school GPA or other approved placement scores (ACT, SAT, MCA, etc.) students may choose to use the self-guided placement process to determine course placement. PTCC advisors who are working with Adult Learners or students whose high school GPA is below 2.6 should read the statements below to help determine which ENGL class is the best placement.

**Reading College Level**
I should enroll in **ENGL 1276 College Composition** if most of the following statements describe me.

- I comfortably read and understand high school textbooks, magazines, or newspapers.
- I have written high school papers of 4 or more pages and received A/B grades.
- I can incorporate thesis statements and supporting ideas into my writing.
- I am familiar with software programs like Microsoft Word and have basic keyboarding skills.
- I am successful at organizing, planning, and meeting deadlines for daily assignments and longer projects.

**Reading Pre-College Level**
I should enroll in **ENGL 0225 Critical Read/Write AND ENGL 1276 College Composition** if most of the following statements describe me.

- I have written high school papers of 2-3 pages and received passing grades.
- I have successfully read and understood high school textbooks, magazines, or newspapers, even if I read slowly.
- I am familiar with terms like thesis statement and topic sentence, but more practice using them will improve my writing.
- I sometimes needed extra help in high school to complete reading and writing assignments, but for the most part, I was able to work on my own.
- I would like a basic review and some extra support with reading skills, essay writing, and computer skills for college classes.

**Reading Refresher Level**
I should enroll in **ENGL 0225 Critical Read/Write** if most of the following statements describe me.

- I have some difficulty writing high school papers of 2-3 pages.
- I had some difficulty reading high school textbooks, magazines, or newspapers.
- I am unfamiliar with terms like thesis statement and topic sentence and want additional instruction in how to use them in my writing.
- I received additional support for reading and writing in high school (Examples: support classes, one-on-one instruction, extra time on assignments, shortened assignments, etc.)
- I would like in-depth instruction on reading skills, essay writing, and computer skills for college classes, including working with a tutor during class.

*HS GPA is valid for 10 years after high school graduation.

**Student Acknowledgement**
I have reviewed the course placement criteria listed above with a PTCC advisor and agree to be placed at the course placement level listed below.

Student Signature: ________________________________  Course Placement Decision: ______________________

*For office use only:*
Student Name: __________________________________  Student Tech ID: ________________________________
Name of Advisor: ________________________________  Date of Advising: _______________________________
Date Test Score Entered in ISRS: ___________________