Writing Sample Appeal Information

The Writing Appeal is for students who have placed into MACC's developmental English courses but believe this is an inaccurate placement.

What is the appeal?
The appeal is a randomized writing prompt that includes a reading and a writing task. Students have up to 90 minutes to complete the reading and type a college-level response. These responses must be all original work and use no outside sources or help. Any plagiarism or use of outside resources will result in an immediate denial.

Students may only attempt the appeal once. (Any extenuating circumstances for a second appeal attempt will require approval from the Dean of Academic Affairs.)

When can I take the appeal?
Advisors enroll interested students. Students then can prepare with provided resources and take the appeal when they feel ready. Appeals must be completed prior to the end of the first week of the term for any schedule changes to be made.

How is it scored?
Appeals are scored by full-time Language and Literature faculty using a rubric designed around the state of Missouri's entrance competencies for Composition I.

The maximum score is 20.
Students who score 15-20 will receive a placement into LAL101: Composition I
Students who score 10-14 will receive a placement into LAL090: Composition I CoRequisite
Students who score below 10 will receive a placement into LAL053: Academic Literacy

How will I know if my appeal is granted or denied?
Students will be emailed their appeal results from a staff member in Student Services. Students whose scores result in a placement change should contact an advisor to initiate any schedule changes.

*During the first week of class, the appeal decision should be made within 1 business day.
*If it is less than two weeks before the semester starts, the decision should be available within 2 business days.
*During the rest of the semester, decisions should be available in 3-4 business days.
*During "semester breaks" the appeal decision should be made within 4-5 business days