You are **required** to pass a Skills Test in Math 95. There are 10 problems, you must get at least 8 of them right to pass the skills test. You have 30 minutes in which to do this. **YOU MAY NOT USE A CALCULATOR.** You may use as much scratch paper as you wish.

The test covers basic algebra skills necessary for your success in subsequent math courses. The topics you will be tested on are: Factoring, Solving Linear Equations and Simplifying Exponential Expressions

A small amount of time will be spent preparing for the skills test. However, most of your preparation was done in Math 70 (or previous math experiences, if you did not take Math 70). You will receive practice problems for the test and you should do these problems several times until you are extremely comfortable with the material.

Early in the term, one half hour of class time will be used to administer the skills test. If you do not pass it at this time, in class you will have one opportunity per week for the following two weeks. If you have not passed after the three in-class attempts, you will need to retake it in the Math Department office or in your instructor’s office during his or her office hours. To schedule an appointment to take it in the math department office, please contact Sharyne Ryals, the math department office manager, at 503-838-8465. You may retake the test a maximum of one time per week through the 10th week of the term (dead week). There will be no more class time spent on the skills test.

**YOU MUST PASS THE SKILLS TEST ON OR BEFORE THE FRIDAY OF DEAD WEEK. IF YOU DO NOT, YOU WILL NEED TO RETAKE MATH 95**

If you retake the skills test and do not pass it, you should get some help immediately. You can see your instructor, use the Tutoring Center, work with another student or review the material in your text or notes.

If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact your instructor for additional information or clarification.