



COMPASS® Placement Assessment

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- used to measure a student's readiness for college level courses
- a computerized **assessment** of skills in Math, Reading, and Writing
- a **tool** we use to help enroll students in the class which corresponds to individual skill levels

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to take the Placement Assessment? First of all, this is not a "TEST". There is NO pass or fail! Second, not everyone needs to take a placement assessment. You are exempt ***IF...***

- You have taken the ACT exam and scored a 20 or better in the individual areas of Math or English **OR** You have taken the SAT and scored at least 470 on the Verbal or 470 on the Math **AND** you are enrolling within 3 years of high school graduation
- You already have an Associates Degree or higher
- You are transferring college-level English and Math courses with a grade of "C" or better
- You are not seeking a degree, taking classes for personal enrichment only
- You are seeking a certificate program(s) having no English, reading, or mathematics requirements (this exemption does not apply if receiving financial aid assistance)
- You have completed required developmental coursework at another Alabama College System institution within the last 3 years
- You are an audit student
- You can provide documentation of assessment (COMPASS or ASSET) within the last 3 years
- You are a transient student

What if I'm just not good on the computer? No problem! Can you "point and click"? Can you type with at least one finger? Don't worry! We will ensure that you have mastered these two skills before you begin!

How can I prepare for the Assessment? Just go to the website <http://www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html> for sample math problems and sample essays for reading and writing practice. Remember, this is only a review; the goal is to assess your *current* skill level. You may also visit www.testprepreview.com.

Where do I go to take the Assessment? You will go to the 2nd floor of the Health Sciences Building, room 220. Please remember...

BEFORE TESTING, THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT TO WALLACE STATE MUST BE COMPLETED AND ON FILE IN ADMISSIONS.

When can I take the Assessment?

- Regular Testing Hours: Monday - Thursday between 8 AM – 2 PM and Friday between 8 AM – 11:30 AM
- Extended Testing Hours : every second Tuesday of each month, 8 AM until 4 PM

What do I need to bring with me? You will need some form of ID (such as a driver's license) and be able to provide social security number for testing purposes. For the Math, you may bring a calculator, *but*, make sure you already know how to use it!

How long does it take? It is not timed, but you should allow about 2 hours.

When will I know the results? Immediately! Results are generated automatically when you finish.

May I take the Assessment again? Yes, you may take it once more, but there is an \$8 fee. Please pay the cashier– bring only the receipt to the computer lab.

Remember...Our wish for you is **SUCCESS**
We are here to help you obtain your goals!



**For additional information
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