COMPASS Exam Important Information, Read Carefully!

Welcome to Atlanta Metropolitan State College. COMPASS is a computer-adaptive college placement test. The three-part exam (Math, Reading, and Writing) generally takes a minimum of two and a half hours to complete; however, any one part of the exam may take up to 90 minutes.

Students with SAT or ACT scores should submit those scores to the Admissions Office before scheduling to take the COMPASS Exam. Documentation of minimum SAT (Math 400/Verbal & Critical Reading 430) or ACT (17) scores might exempt students from the COMPASS Exam.

All students who are required to take the COMPASS Exam should contact the Office of Testing Services (Academic Building 500, Room 217) to schedule a time to take the COMPASS Exam.

What do I need to bring for the COMPASS Exam?

1. Be prepared to pay $20.00 for the COMPASS Exam. Master Card, Visa, Discover, checks, cash or money order is accepted. Payments must be made at the Cashier Window located on the first floor of the Library. Photo Identification (with recent photo) is required. You MUST bring with you your COMPASS Placement Exam Card that states which portion(s) of the exam you need to take: Math, Reading and/or Writing.

2. If you need to take the Math portion of the exam, please bring a basic calculator.

Additional Information about the COMPASS Exam, Read Carefully!

1. The COMPASS Exam is untimed; therefore, you may take as long as is necessary to complete any portion of the examination.

2. If you are eligible to take the COMPASS Exam, you MUST allow yourself adequate time to complete the examination; therefore, if you have prior commitments or obligations that would preclude you from allowing a minimum 90 minutes per section, do not schedule your exam for that day/time.

Your performance on this exam will determine your ability or inability to take college level courses. The passing scores on the COMPASS Exam are: Math-37; Reading-74; English 60.

You may retest if you are within a 5 point range of the passing score. Retesting is permitted only once and only within two weeks of the original exam. An additional $20 fee is required for the retest.

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