COMPASS Exam Important Information, Read Carefully!

Welcome to Atlanta Metropolitan State College. COMPASS is a computer-adaptive college placement test that is untimed. 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.

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.

What do I need to bring for the COMPASS/ESL COMPASS Placement Exam?

1. Be prepared to pay $20.00 for the COMPASS/ESL COMPASS Placement Exam. Master Card, Visa, Discover, check, 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.**
2. You MUST bring with you your **COMPASS/ESL COMPASS Placement Exam Card or documentation** that states which portion(s) of the Exam you need to take.
3. If you need to take the Math portion of the Exam, please bring a basic calculator.

ESL COMPASS Placement Exam Important Information, Read Carefully!

If you have been given the permission to take the ESL (English as a Second Language) COMPASS Exam, it is a computer-adaptive college placement test that is untimed. The five-part Exam (Math, Listening, Reading, Grammar and Writing) generally takes a minimum of three hours to complete; however, any one part of the Exam may take up to 90 minutes. Please refer to the “What do I need to bring for the COMPASS/ ESL COMPASS Placement Exam?” section (above) for items needed on test day.

Students who are non-native speakers of English, must take the ESL COMPASS Placement Exam unless
- They have transferable ENGL 1101 transfer credit
- They have a COM score of 550 paper or 79 iBT or above
- They have a TOEFL score of 550 paper or 79 iBT or above

**Your performance on this Exam will determine your ability or inability to take college level courses.**
The passing scores on the ESL COMPASS Placement Exam are: Math-37; Listening-89; Reading-95; Grammar-95; Writing- 6 (written sample).

No retest allowed for the written sample. However, you may retest if you are within a 5 point range of the passing score for Math, Listening, Reading & Grammar. 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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