

Compass Test Info

The COMPASS Test is a computerized placement test which is given by 2-year Missouri postsecondary institutions in lieu of the ACT Test. The test is untimed and helps the college evaluate a student's skills and gains information the faculty can use to identify specific subject areas where students may need help. It also provides demographics the advisors can use for a thorough understanding of students' support needs.

The COMPASS evaluates skills in the following areas:

- ❖ Reading
- ❖ Writing Skills
- ❖ Writing Essay (E-Write)
- ❖ Mathematics

COMPASS is not used like a traditional test. There is generally no "passing score". Rather, COMPASS scores indicate areas in which a student is strong and which they may need help. The scores may also help to prepare a course of study which will be relevant and appropriate for the student.

A student planning on going to a 2-year postsecondary school does not have to take the ACT, unless they choose to do so. The COMPASS Test can be used as the entrance exam when applying for a 2-year postsecondary school.

