

Welcome to JJC COMPASS Testing!

- Over the next few minutes, you will learn:
 - Why you should take this test seriously,
 - What accommodations are available and a few testing tips.

Can I use my ACT score instead?

- **Yes, effective March 1, 2011!**
- An English ACT score of **23** means you **DO NOT NEED ACT COMPASS Reading or Writing.**
- A Math ACT score of **25** means you **DO NOT NEED ACT COMPASS Math, but may only need ACT COMPASS geometry.**

Can I use my ACT score instead?

- If you earned one or both of these ACT scores **in the past 24 months**, stop testing immediately and tell your COMPASS Proctor.



Why do I need this test?

- Without the COMPASS test, you may be unable to register for your classes.
- This important placement test measures your math, reading, and writing abilities.
- A COMPASS placement score is a mandatory prerequisite for math and English courses, as well as several other programs and classes.

What accommodations are available?

- There are three untimed parts to this test:
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Writing
- You may take all three parts at once or you may break them into two or three separate sessions.

What accommodations are available?

- You are allowed to use a calculator as long as it is not more advanced than a TI-86.
- You are allowed to use scratch paper and a pencil.
- You may request earplugs to block out noise distractions.

What accommodations are available?

- If you feel you need additional accommodations, please ask your COMPASS Proctor how to contact the Student Accommodations and Resources (StAR) Department located at the Main Campus.

General testing tips

- DO prepare for this test.
 - Free tutoring, study guides, sample questions, and online support are available.
 - If you don't feel ready to test, you may stop at the end of these directions and test another day.
 - Speak with your COMPASS Proctor about setting up a free tutoring appointment to learn more about your study options.

General testing tips

- DO take your time and read the directions carefully.
 - Lower scores may result in 1 to 4 additional semesters of coursework that do not count toward your degree.
 - These classes that do not count toward your degree are called developmental classes.

General testing tips

- DO answer all the questions including your last name, birth date, and Student ID number.
 - When you leave information blank, your scores may not upload.
 - If your scores don't upload, you cannot register for courses.
 - Remember that your Student ID is your seven-digit JJC ID number
 - This was provided to you by your COMPASS Proctor.

General testing tips

- DO retake this test if you are unhappy with your score(s)
 - Testing and retesting are available at
 - Main Campus on Houbolt Road in Joliet
 - Romeoville Campus
 - Morris Education Center
 - City Center Campus in downtown Joliet

General testing tips

- DO abide by the Academic Honor Code
 - If you commit an act of dishonesty
 - Your COMPASS scores will be invalidated.
 - The Dean of Students will be notified.
 - You will have a Code of Conduct hearing in front of the conduct board.

Math testing tips

- There are three different starting points within the math test.
 - Choose the **College Algebra** starting point if you have completed Algebra II or higher.
 - Choose the **Algebra** starting point if you have completed Algebra I.
 - Choose the **Pre-algebra** starting point if you have not completed Algebra I, or have not take math courses in several years.

Math testing tips

- Your math-level choice will not affect your score.
- You are simply selecting an appropriate starting point.

Reading testing tips

- Review the questions carefully.
- Read the entire passage and then answer the questions.
- Students who only skim for information tend to score poorly.

Writing testing tips

- Click on every sentence and take your time.
- This test is typically offered after math and reading.
- If you are tired, stop testing and come back later.

After testing tips

- At the end of this test, as long as you have returned all borrowed items (calculator, all scratch paper, and pencil), you will receive a copy of your COMPASS scores along with a brief explanation about what these scores mean.

After testing tips

- If you are unhappy with your scores and are eligible to retest, please ask your COMPASS Proctor about what preparation options are available to you.
- These include
 - Free in-person tutoring,
 - Free online practice questions,
 - Free study guides, and
 - More.

After testing tips

- Remember that effective March 1, 2011, all ACT COMPASS scores will expire after 24 months.
- This means that if you have not completed your Reading, Writing, and Math courses by that time, you will have to retake all or a portion of the COMPASS test for a fee.

After testing tips

- In order to be eligible to retake all or a portion of the COMPASS test you must have taken the COMPASS test only ONE other time.
- You are limited to only one retest for each of the four parts:
 - Math (\$10.00)
 - Reading (\$10.00)
 - Writing (\$10.00)
 - Geometry (\$10.00)
- Once you have begun a math, reading, or writing course, you cannot retest in that subject.

After testing tips

- Don't forget to gather your belongings at the end of the test.
- These items may include your photo ID, electronic devices, etc.
- Any items left behind may be taken to the JJC Campus Police.

Good luck with your **COMPASS** testing!

- See your COMPASS Proctor if you have questions at any time during your test.
- Remember to take your time and read all directions.
- Many students who scored into developmental classes did so because they did not follow the directions.



Good luck with your COMPASS testing!

Thank you for your attention!

We hope that this information will help
you achieve your best possible
COMPASS test scores.



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At the end of this presentation
you will be automatically redirected to a
confirmation page.

Remember that you must enter your date of
birth every time you are asked, or your
scores will not upload and you cannot
register for classes.

Good luck!