COMPASS ENTRANCE TEST

SPRING 2016

WHAT IS THE COMPASS?

- Untimed, computerized test

- Evaluates skills in:
    - Writing
    - Reading
    - Math

- Determines your eligibility to enroll in GTC courses (starting Fall 2016)

Writing

- Determines if you are ready for entry-level college writing or courses with significant writing loads
  - Ex: ENG 101, ENG 102, PSY 201, SOC 101, etc.

- Asks you to find and correct errors in essays.
  - Punctuation
  - Basic Grammar and Usage
  - Sentence Structure

Reading

- Reading comprehension passages include:
    - Practical Reading
    - Prose Fiction
    - Humanities
    - Social Sciences
    - Natural Sciences

Mathematics

- Multiple choice items in five mathematics areas:
    - Numerical Skills/Pre-Algebra
    - Algebra
    - College Algebra
    - Geometry
    - Trigonometry

Computer Readiness Test

○ Basic computer test

○ Score is required for GTC Computer Technology courses

○ You will take it if you have COMPASS scores of:
  - Pre-Algebra Score of 50+
  - Critical Reading Score of 67+

Criteria/Eligibility to take College Courses

- 3.5 GPA at the end of your Freshman year and 80 and above in all high school classes.

- 2 college courses maximum per semester.

- CPT 170 is required by all GTCHS students with a Computer Readiness score of 90 or less.
  - It is highly recommended to all students as it is a prerequisite course for other GTC courses.

Score Report

○ After COMPASS is completed by all 9th graders, the following will be sent home:
  ○ Score report
  ○ Additional eligibility and criteria information
  ○ List of recommended college courses

○ Review & discuss this information with your parents.

Important Dates

- **December 15th** – Spring 2016 COMPASS test dates letter.
  - It will include: COMPASS Practice Resources.

- **January 25-28th** - COMPASS administration in World Geography classes.

- **February 1st & 2nd** – Computer Readiness administered at McAlister Square.

- **February 11th** - Follow-up letter with score report and college course recommendation list.

School Counseling Resources

School Counseling Website