

# COMPASS TESTING

## What is COMPASS?

- Computerized Test helps your college evaluate skill and place students in appropriate courses
- Untimed
- Offers test in Reading, Writing, Math
- COMPASS results are immediate

## How Are COMPASS Scores Used?

- Scores indicated college readiness
- Scores indicate areas in which a student is strong and areas which a student may need help
- Gives a student an opportunity to prepare more effectively for needed courses

## Who Are We Testing?

Stark County College Tech Prep Students take all three parts of the test-**Reading, Writing and Math**

- Test is taken at local high school during the school day
- Juniors test first time by November 20.
- Same student as seniors test second time by May 1.

## Why are we testing Students?

- Collect data to determine college readiness
- The Stark County College Tech Prep required to report college readiness to Ohio Department of Education
- The goal is to allow for early intervention, when needed, that will increase students' success at the post-secondary level.
- Statewide data reveals that 40% of students entering college are not academically prepared and are placed into remedial courses.
- Juniors who do not meet college readiness cut score will have an opportunity for remediation activities before re-testing a second time as seniors.

## Interpretation of COMPASS Results

- Guidance Counselors/appointed designee will interpret results with Juniors and Seniors
- Guidance Counselors/appointed designee will inform students of remedial opportunities available to them if they do not meet college readiness cut-score. (ie. ACT Online Prep)
- Guidance Counselors/appointed designee will inform students if eligible for the writing sample.
- **Stark State College Readiness Cut-Scores**(Cut-scores vary from one post secondary institution to another)

<u>COMPASS</u>	
Writing	70
Reading	80
Math	55

**Miscellaneous Test Information**

- **Students only need to re-test the spring of their senior year in the areas of which they were not college ready.**
- **Students are only permitted to take the COMPASS test twice.**
- **Students are permitted to use calculators (not permitted to us TI-89 or TI-92)**

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