

Dalton State College Compass Retesting Policy

Students who begin their coursework at Dalton State College beginning in Fall 2006 or thereafter will be allowed one COMPASS placement retest, provided that they meet the following criteria:

- Score no more than 5 points below the minimum required for a 0096-level course.

To retest in Math, a student must score at least 20. (Algebra score, not Pre-Algebra)

*To retest in English, a student must score at least 55.

To retest in Reading, a student must score at least 65.

- Complete the initial COMPASS placement test at least 2 working days before the last published retake session.
- Pay a retest fee of \$30 in the Business Office prior to retesting. Entrance to the retesting session will require the receipt as proof of payment. Students must pay the entire testing fee, regardless of the number of test sections they are retaking.

*Retesting is allowed without charge for the COMPASS English test if the English score is 50 or more points lower than the Reading score and if the Reading score is 65 or higher.

The administration and scoring of COMPASS retests are subject to the following conditions:

- 1) One COMPASS retest is allowed in the subject area(s) where college-level placement was not achieved. The highest score attained in each subject area will be used for placement.
- 2) Students may retake a part of the COMPASS. However, if taking more than one part of COMPASS, the student must take all tests during the same session.
- 3) Retesting must be completed at least 15 business days prior to the starting date of the student's first semester of enrollment.
- 4) Students may not retake the COMPASS for Learning Support courses they have withdrawn from or earned a letter grade in, nor may they retest in any subject area where college-level placement was already attained. This policy applies to courses taken within the University System of Georgia.
- 5) Retests must be scheduled for published testing sessions only.
- 6) There will be no second retest except in unusual circumstances and by written appeal.
- 7) If a documented power or computer failure interferes with the testing or scoring process, retesting is allowed without charge.
- 8) After a three-year period in which students have not been enrolled in any college classes, students may request to reattempt the COMPASS at no charge.

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