



**IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PLACEMENT TEST SCORES GUIDE  
EFFECTIVE SPRING 2012**

**WRITING SKILLS**

ASSET	COMPASS	ACT	Course Recommendations
23 – 31	01 – 31	14 or Lower	Basic Writing (ENG 013)
32 – 36	32 – 64	15 – 17	Elements of Writing (ENG 095)
35 – 52	55 – 98	17 or Higher	Writing for the Workplace (ENG 110)
37 – 52	65 – 98	18 or Higher	Composition I (ENG 105) Technical Writing (ENG 111)
53 – 55	99		Might Consider Taking CLEP

**READING SKILLS**

ASSET	COMPASS	ACT	Course Recommendations
23 – 26	01 – 24	If ACT is below 12, take COMPASS	College Preparatory Reading Level I (RDG 035)
27 – 32	25 – 50	If ACT is below 12, take COMPASS	College Preparatory Reading Level II (RDG 036)
33 – 37	51 – 70	12 – 15	College Preparatory Reading Level III (RDG 037)
38 – 55	71 or higher	16 or Higher	No Restrictions College Level Reading Ability

**MATH SKILLS**

*For ASSET or COMPASS – Please Note the Test (Form/Level)*

ASSET <i>(Numerical Skills)</i>	COMPASS <i>(Pre-Algebra Placement)</i>	ACT	Course Recommendations
23 – 55	01 – 99	ACT below 21	College Preparatory Math (MAT 078)

ASSET <i>(Elementary Algebra)</i>	COMPASS <i>(Algebra Placement)</i>	ACT	Course Recommendations
23 – 47	01 – 52	ACT below 21	College Preparatory Math (MAT 078)
42 – 47	40 – 52	18 – 20	Math for Liberal Arts (MAT 110)
48 – 55	53 – 99	21 – 26	Statistics (MAT 157) Finite Math (MAT 140) College Algebra (MAT 121) Trigonometry (MAT 130) Pre-Calculus (MAT 129)

<b>ASSET</b> <i>(College Algebra)</i>	<b>COMPASS</b> <i>(College Algebra Placement)</i>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Course Recommendations</b>
23 – 33	----	18 – 20	College Preparatory Math <b>(MAT 078)</b>
34 – 55	1 – 99	21 – 26	Statistics <b>(MAT 157)</b> Finite Math <b>(MAT 140)</b> College Algebra <b>(MAT 121)</b> Trigonometry <b>(MAT 130)</b> Pre-Calculus <b>(MAT 129)</b>

<b>ASSET</b>	<b>COMPASS</b> <i>(Trigonometry Placement)</i>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Course Recommendations</b>
----	01 – 45	21 – 26	Statistics <b>(MAT 157)</b> Finite Math <b>(MAT 140)</b> College Algebra <b>(MAT 121)</b> Trigonometry <b>(MAT 130)</b> Pre-Calculus <b>(MAT 129)</b>
----	46 – 99	27 or Higher	Calculus I <b>(MAT 211)</b>

### TECHNICAL MATH

<b>ASSET</b>	<b>COMPASS</b> <i>(Pre-Algebra Placement)</i>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Course Recommendations</b>
----	01 – 99	17 or Below	Technical Mathematics I <b>(MAT 743)</b>

<b>ASSET</b>	<b>COMPASS</b> <i>(Algebra Placement)</i>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Course Recommendations</b>
----	01 – 19	17 or Below	Technical Mathematics I <b>(MAT 743)</b>
----	20 – 52	18 – 20	Technical Mathematics II <b>(MAT 750)</b>
----	53 – 99	21 – 36	Technical Mathematics III <b>(MAT 751)</b>

<b>ASSET</b>	<b>COMPASS</b> <i>(College Algebra Placement)</i>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Course Recommendations</b>
----	01 – 99	----	Technical Mathematics III <b>(MAT 751)</b>

<b>ASSET</b>	<b>COMPASS</b> <i>(Trigonometry Placement)</i>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Course Recommendations</b>
----	01 – 45	----	Technical Mathematics III <b>(MAT 751)</b>

*NOTE: COMPASS is a computer adaptive test that adapts to a student's skill level and administers pre-algebra, algebra, college algebra, and/or trigonometry items as appropriate.*