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Office of the Senior Vice President and Chancellor for Community Colleges

MEMORANDUM

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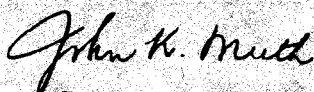
Acting Director
Angela Meixell

SUBJECT: COMPASS Placement Scores

The English committee for COMPASS met again on January 16 to review the cut-off scores for various placements in light of additional data from KCCs placement testing results.

The scores for Reading were revised to reflect the new knowledge. The group agreed that we need to take a careful look at the results after the first semester of use for possible later refinements. Given that this is an ongoing process, all future changes need to be made carefully in a manner which does not disrupt ongoing testing for a given semester.

I am still trying to put together a correct list at the operational level for who should be getting this information. Can you please see to it that a copy of the revised chart makes its way to the appropriate person(s) at your campus. Can you further e-mail me (jmuth@hawaii.edu) with the names of the appropriate campus contacts for test administration and for test computer support. Thanks.



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Attachment

c: Vice Chancellor Rota
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COMPASS PLACEMENT TESTING CUT-SCORE AGREEMENTS FOR ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS

English Faculty from the various campuses met at the Community College Institutional Research Office on Thursday, November 6 and came to consensus on two items:

1. Placement testing should be done in both Reading and Writing.
2. Placement would be generally based upon both scores, with the primary determinant being the reading score.

More Specifically: (note: Reading scores revised by committee on 1/16/98)

Reading Score	Writing Score	Placement
0 – 55	Not used for placement	Basic Skills
56 – 78	Not used for placement 40 – 73	English 21 (Reading) English 22 (Writing)
79 – 100	Not used for placement 74 – 100	English 102 (College Reading) English 100 (Composition)

The Mathematics faculty met at Kapiolani Community College on Saturday, November 8 and also came to consensus on placement cut-scores. The group agreed that all students would start at the pre-algebra test level to minimize overall testing time.

More specifically:

Test	Score	Placement
Arithmetic (Pre-Algebra)	0 – 46 47 – 100	Basic Skills Regular College Curriculum
Algebra	0 – 49 50 – 100 56 – 74 75 – 100	College Choice Math 100 Math 27 Math 135

Additional questions arose concerning costs and repeats on testing: specifically are fees possible, re-testing only by referral, multiple campus testing (how to share information to prevent/control), how to cover/use with DOE.