

Assessment Center

(661) 395-4479

The Bakersfield College Assessment Center administers and scores a number of standardized tests. Their primary functions are to administer, score and record the Compass tests and to provide testing accommodations for eligible DSP&S students. The Compass scores are entered into Banner. Those scores, along with multiple measures such as high school grades or other test results, are used to place students into English, math, academic development and some other courses. Students are expected to attend an orientation session before participating in assessment.

Due to reduced staffing the center no longer offers GED tests and no longer oversees ACT and SAT tests.

Compass Testing

The Bakersfield College Assessment Center works on a walk-in testing schedule. Students should plan to spend from 2 to 4 hours for their assessment testing. Students will be tested on a space available basis, so students arriving by 8 am will be very likely to be seated immediately and to complete the process within 2 1/2 hours. Those arriving later may have to wait up to 2 1/2 hours for an open test station.

Students may arrive to complete walk-in testing:

On Tuesday through Thursday between 8 am and 2 pm,

On Monday between 8 am and 6 pm,

On Friday between 8 and 9:30 am,

On the following Saturdays between 8 and 10:30 am:

September 24, October 22, November 19, December 17, January 7, February 1,
March 17, April 14 and May 19

There are scheduled group test sessions on some Saturdays and Thursday evenings at the Delano Center.

Students should be prepared for the assessment session by:

- Knowing their student ID or Social Security Number
- Calling 661-395-4479 with questions
- LEAVING PAGERS AND CELL PHONES AT HOME OR IN THE CAR

Students needing special testing accommodations should contact the BC Supportive Services Center (661-395-4334).

Free Parking is available in the lot at the corner of Haley and University. One-day parking permits can be purchased for parking in all other student parking lots.

Testing Accommodations for Classroom Tests

Students who think they might need testing accommodations such as extra time, a distraction

free environment, or assistive technology programs must be approved by the counselors in DSP&S. After the students are approved, they must obtain the Test Accommodations Form on line from the Assessment page on the BC website, from the rack outside the Assessment Center, or from room 1001 at the Delano campus.

Instructors need to know that seats and special rooms for accommodations testing in the Assessment Center and at Delano are limited so students will need a degree of flexibility about when they can be scheduled for their tests. Students should complete the Test Accommodations Form and bring it to the center at least three days before they need to test. The Assessment staff can keep the completed test for instructors to pick up, mail the test back to the instructor, or put the test into a sealed envelope for the student to return to the instructor.