

Computer Competency Assessment Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What is the purpose of the Computer Competency Assessment? Kennewick School District's graduation requirements state that students must demonstrate computer competency by either passing an assessment or successfully completing Computer Applications 1-2.

What is the Computer Competency Assessment? The assessment is a web-based program which tests the student's ability "to perform basic competencies" in the applications of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Is there a fee for the assessment? No, not at this time.

Can any student take the assessment test? The test is only available to those students required to complete the computer competency as a graduation requirement.

How much time will the assessment take? Students are given 2.5 hours to complete the assessment.

What must a student score to pass the assessment? A student must achieve a total composite score of 70 percent to pass the assessment exam.

Do I get credit for passing the assessment? No, high school credit is not awarded for taking the assessment.

Why not? The Assessment is not equivalent to Computer Applications, but is the minimal competency that should be demonstrated by a student as they leave high school.

Once a student passes the assessment, how is it documented on the transcript? There will be a notation on the transcript that indicates the student has fulfilled that graduation requirement.

How can a student register for the assessment? A student may register by completing and returning the registration form posted on the KSD website at www.ksd.org and click on the High Schools tab. Students may also pick up registration forms in their counselors office or at the Kennewick School District Administration Building.

Where is the assessment offered? The assessment is given at Kennewick High School in Room 117 on specific dates. You must register at least 5 days prior to the exam.

What happens if a student does not pass the assessment? A student may take the test every time it is offered prior to the student's senior year. Students who have not successfully passed the assessment by the start of their senior year will be automatically enrolled in Computer Applications 1-2.

If the student fails a portion of the test, is it required for the student to take the entire test again? Yes, the student will be required to take and pass all three sections of the competency assessment at the same time.