



Program Information Sheet

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The major purpose of this program is to provide an educational alternative for individuals – age 16 through 21 who, for a variety of reasons, do not find success within traditional high school programs and may be at risk to complete a high school education.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Individuals who wish to apply should contact the Compass office (250-8930) and schedule an appointment for a screening interview. Admittance to our program is subject to approval by the Comstock Compass Administration.

Bring to the screening interview:

1. Parent or guardian if under the age of 18
2. Completed online application (<http://www.comstockps.org/enroll>)
3. Copy of high school transcripts
4. Birth Certificate (must have seal)
5. Proof of residency - Driver's license or Michigan ID, rent receipt, mortgage payment receipt, utility bill or property tax bill
6. Copy of immunization records - your shots **must** be up to date! Vaccines required for school entry in Michigan - Tdap, MMR, Polio, Hepatitis B, Varicella (Chicken pox) and Meningococcal Conjugate

NOTE: Your screening interview will not be held if you do not bring in all necessary paperwork or immunizations are not current.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

1. Enrollment for a full-time student is 2 classes per day (on campus) five days per week. Students will also work off campus for additional classes through an online program called OdysseyWare. Students will have the option to attend classes in the morning or afternoon. The academic year consists of six, 6-week terms.
2. Regular attendance, cooperation and consistent effort is expected of all students in the Compass program. When excessive absences or tardies occur, students are required to make up class work. When cited for violation of the Student Conduct Code, students may be required to serve out of school suspension for a specified period of time. It must also be noted that students can be dropped or suspended indefinitely from Compass High School for any major violation of the discipline code.

COMSTOCK COMPASS HIGH SCHOOL

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ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMITTANCE:

1. Sixteen (16) years of age on or before September 1 of any given year.
2. Students must have attempted at least one year of high school. Students with more than one year of a high school experience will be considered first.
3. Willing and able to regularly attend classes (attendance policy).
4. Willing and able to consistently apply oneself to assignments and classroom activities.
5. Committed to finishing high school diploma.

A student who is not a resident of the Comstock Public School District, a resident of any other Kalamazoo County School District and age 16 on or before September 1st of the school year is eligible for participation in the Compass program **without** a Waiver from the district of residence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. New students will be admitted at or near the beginning of each semester.
2. There will be a limited number of “slots” available each semester. Applying does not mean you will be accepted into the program.
3. All Students are required to sign a Student Agreement indicating commitment to comply with program rules and policies.
4. We reserve the right to decide class schedules for the good of the overall program.
5. Students under the age of 18 are required to stay on campus at all times.

Please note: You are responsible for reading the district and Compass Program Student Code of Conduct handbook. A student who shows unwillingness to comply with program rules and policies will have their participation re-evaluated, and may be dropped from the program.

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