

## ***General Procedure - Admission of Incarcerated Persons Standardized Test Scores***

Bismarck State College is committed to helping students achieve their educational goals while attending college. Numerous studies of college students across the country have found that one of the most important predictors of student success is how well they do in their first semester or year of college. Crucial to success is enrollment in appropriate levels of instruction based on readiness for college level work.

1. To enhance our students' chance of success, the BSC Assessment Committee and respective departments implemented initial pre-enrollment assessment scores.
2. According to SBHE Policy, every student under the age of 25 must submit the scores from the American College Test (ACT) battery (preferred) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). BSC also requires that students age 25 or older must submit COMPASS scores.

Incarcerated students will be admitted to Bismarck State College and allowed to enroll in classes in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Students will need to complete an admissions application and meet all other admissions requirements.
2. Students who are incarcerated and who have not taken the ACT/SAT/COMPASS will be allowed to enroll in courses other than English or math when such courses are taught at their facility. The exemption from submitting ACT/SAT or COMPASS scores only applies while the student is incarcerated.
3. Students interested in taking English or math courses will be assessed prior to enrolling in these classes to ensure appropriate placement in these key subject areas.

### **Reference:**

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Policy 402.1.1 Admission Policies – Standardized Test Scores

### **History of This Procedure:**

First Procedure draft November 17, 2006.