

## CREDITS REQUIRED

Students who participate in the COMPASS program will eventually transition back to the comprehensive high school program for their 11th and 12th grade years. Students in the Mount Baker High School COMPASS Program earn a Mount Baker High School Diploma.

Credit requirements are:

English	4	Credits
Math	4	Credits
Science	4	Credits
Social Studies	3.5	Credits
CTE	1	Credit
Arts	1	Credit
Fitness	2	Credits
Health	.5	Credit
<u>Electives</u>	<u>10.5</u>	<u>Credits</u>
TOTAL	30.5	Credits

### Example of a COMPASS Student's Schedule

#### A DAYS

Period 1: English  
Period 2: History / LOC  
Period 3: Math  
Period 4: Elective

#### B DAYS

Period 5: English  
Period 6: Science  
Period 7: Math  
Period 8: Elective

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# COMPASS

ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

MOUNT BAKER HIGH SCHOOL  
DEMING, WA

*The Mount Baker COMPASS program is designed for ninth and tenth grade students, select eighth grade students and credit deficient upper classmen who will benefit from an alternative learning environment.*

*The COMPASS Program prepares students for a successful transition into Mount Baker's comprehensive high school program for on-time graduation.*

## WHY COMPASS?

Statistics show that 25% of our nations students do not complete high school. Like other schools, Mount Baker High School is concerned about the impact that dropping out of school can have on a student's future and on our community.

**At Mount Baker High School we realize that students who drop out are not just statistics but students with outstanding potential who would benefit from a unique instructional setting.**

By design, an alternative high school serves students who are not succeeding in the traditional educational setting. Often this population of learners exhibits one or more of the following:

- Under-performing academically
- Learning disabilities
- Emotional or behavioral issues
- Tendency to be easily distracted by the behavioral problems of others
- High risk of potential expulsion, suspension, or dropping out of school
- Need for more individualized instruction

The **Mount Baker High School COMPASS** program offers an innovative, non-traditional approach to learning that provides these students the skills they need to be successful and stay in school.

## WHAT IS COMPASS?

The COMPASS program is designed for 9th and 10th grade students who require or desire an alternative learning environment. Instructional strategies are designed to offer an integrated theme-based curriculum delivered to small "teams" of students within the comprehensive high school campus.

The goal of the COMPASS program is to provide students the skills necessary to transition back to the comprehensive high school program as a junior or senior in order to graduate on time with a Mount Baker High School Diploma.

Students are referred to the COMPASS program by their teachers, counselors, administrators, parents, or themselves. Placement into the COMPASS program is determined by the Mount Baker High School Principal or Assistant Principal.

COMPASS students have equal access to all high school resources such as bussing, PRIDE 101, assemblies, counseling, cafeteria, tutoring, homework help, after school activities and clubs, and athletics. **COMPASS students are Mount Baker High school students.**

### "THE COMPASS TEAM"

- 60 Students
- 4 Teachers
- 1 Counselor
- 1 Para-educator

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & COMPASS



Through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Whatcom County, COMPASS students will have the opportunity to apply their experience locally and regionally. MBC students will have the option to take a building construction class during which they will learn trade skills associated with the home building construction industry.

MBC students involved in this course will also be able to participate in Mount Baker's partnership with Habitat for Humanity where MBC students will assist other volunteers in building a home for a family in need in Whatcom County.

**YEAR #1** Students successfully involved in the building construction class at the high school will be able to participate in a Habitat home build project in Whatcom County during the spring or summer months.

**YEAR #2** MBC students who successfully complete the community build project during Year #1 may be eligible to participate in a Habitat for Humanity build project out of state.