

Non-Student Days/Online Learning Program

During the 2008-09 school year there will be 7 days you will not attend your PSSC program.* The dates are: ***October 15, November 5, December 12, January 26, March 4, May 8, and June 4.*** These days are designated as staff in-service days for Puget Sound Skills Center and are granted to staff for the purpose of learning new skills and knowledge that helps them become more effective teachers. While you will not be in class at PSSC on these days, you, too, will be expected to acquire new knowledge and apply your skills by participating in our online learning program. You will be responsible for completing an assignment out of class that requires you to use computer technology skills along with creative thinking and problem solving. ***Your instructor will provide further details about our online learning program and grading criteria.*** Be prepared to fully participate in every online learning project/assignment. Each will be graded, and as such, will represent a significant portion of your quarter and semester grades.

*Please check your school calendar for other non-school days and early dismissal times.

School-wide Assessments

All students will complete school writing assessments as part of the portfolio process. The first assessment will develop a baseline. Instructors will work with you to improve your writing skills and your progress will be charted in subsequent assessments. We encourage you to include your writing assessment in your portfolio to demonstrate your proficiency in technical writing. All students will also take the National COMPASS test. This exam is required for entrance and placement at local community and technical colleges and apprenticeships.