

OVERVIEW: TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE

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AT TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL
FOR GRADES 9-12



BACKGROUND

Students must be in compliance with the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), to enroll in coursework at Texas public institutions of higher education per Texas Education Code. The law requires all entering college students to be assessed for college readiness in reading, writing, and math unless the student qualifies for an exemption or demonstrates college readiness through successful completion of college-level coursework in the related content area.

WHEN DO STUDENTS TAKE THE TSI ASSESSMENT?

Students must complete the TSI Assessment (TSIA) and meet the college readiness benchmarks by subject area before they can enroll in entry-level college-level courses. Students may also have the option to enroll in college-level coursework with a co-enrollment in a related developmental education course/intervention (see *corequisite*). TSIA results are available immediately after completion of the assessment and can be emailed to students.

A student must participate in a Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) before taking the TSIA. The activity varies by institution but must include at minimum the following:

- An explanation of the importance of the TSI Assessment and its use by institutions;
- Practice test questions with feedback;
- An explanation of all options for students who do not meet the college readiness benchmarks; and
- Information on campus, academic, and community resources to help support student success.

Unless exempt, students entering a Texas public college or university must take the TSIA and meet or exceed the minimum college readiness benchmarks to enroll in entry level college credit courses.

Students who qualify for a TSI exemption can enroll in entry level college credit courses without restrictions (see list of Texas Success Initiative Exemptions). Students may also demonstrate college readiness by transferring a successfully completed college-level course, including through dual credit programs or from another institution of higher education, based on the receiving institution's approval.

For a complete list of TSI exemptions and qualifications, see Texas Education Code, §51.338 (§51.3062 prior to changes made by the 85th Legislature) and Coordinating Board rules, §4.54.

Texas Success Initiative Exemptions

ACT

Composite score of **23** or higher with at least a **19** on the English test and at least **19** on the math section

SAT

Combined critical reading and math score of **1070** with a minimum of **500** on the verbal test and a minimum of **500** on the math test for tests taken **prior to March 2016**

New SAT

Minimum score of **530** on the math section and a minimum score of **480** on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) for tests taken **March 2016 or later**

High School Options

- Successful completion of a College Preparatory Course
- Score of at least **4000** on the English III and/or Algebra II STAAR End-of-Course exams

Military

Veterans, active duty personnel, and a student who is serving or, for at least **3 years** preceding enrollment, has served as a member of a reserve component of the U.S. armed services

Certificate

Enroll in a certificate program of one year or less (Level One Certificates, 42 or fewer credit hours or equivalent) at a public community or technical college

Transfer

Transfer from another institution having satisfactorily completed college-level coursework, including through dual credit programs, based on receiving institution's approval

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the cost for TSIA testing?

Each test is \$10. For all tests, the pricing is \$30. You will pay for your test(s) at the time you register.

What happens if a student does not meet the benchmark on one or all parts of the TSIA?

Students will be able to enroll in non-restricted Dual Credit courses but must meet TSIA scores for restricted classes.

What are the minimum passing college readiness benchmarks on the TSIA?

- Math 350
- Reading 351
- Writing
 - o Multiple choice score of 340 and essay score of 4, or
 - o Multiple choice score below 340, Adult Basic Education Diagnostic score of level 4, and essay score of 5.

Register Online at <https://forms.gle/1zs3N6MSFdG46bfs7>

SATURDAY TEST DATES

Reporting Time 8:30 a.m. in the THS Math/Science Center Foyer

REGISTER BY

TEST DATE

Wednesday, August 21, 2019	Saturday, August 24, 2019
Wednesday, October 2, 2019.....	Saturday, October 5, 2019
Wednesday, October 30, 2019.....	Saturday, November 2, 2019
Wednesday, December 4, 2019	Saturday, December 7, 2019
Wednesday, March 11, 2020	Saturday, March 14, 2020
Wednesday, April 29, 2020	Saturday, May 2, 2020
Wednesday, June 3, 2020	Saturday, June 6, 2020

NIGHT LIBRARY TEST DATES

Reporting Time 4:00 p.m. in THS Room 40

REGISTER BY

TEST DATE

Friday, September 20, 2019	Monday, September 23, 2019
Friday, October 4, 2019.....	Monday, October 7, 2019
Friday, November 8, 2019.....	Monday, November 11, 2019
Friday, November 29, 2019	Monday, December 2, 2019
Friday, January 10, 2020	Monday, January 13, 2020
Friday, February 21, 2020.....	Monday, February 24, 2020
Friday, March 6, 2020	Monday, March 9, 2020
Friday, April 24, 2020	Monday, April 27, 2020

EXTRA DATES FOR DUAL CREDIT REGISTRATION DATES

REGISTER BY

TEST DATE

TIME

Friday, August 9, 2019	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 ...	1:00 p.m.
Monday, August 12, 2019 ..	Thursday, August 15, 2019..	4:15 p.m.
Friday, August 16, 2019.....	Tuesday, August 20, 2019 ...	4:15 p.m.
Monday, August 19, 2019 ..	Thursday, August 22, 2019..	4:15 p.m.
Friday, August 23, 2019.....	Tuesday, August 27, 2019 ...	4:15 p.m.
Friday, April 17, 2020	Tuesday, April 21, 2020.....	during school day
Friday, April 17, 2020	Tuesday, April 22, 2020.....	during school day

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Students entering public institutions of higher education must take the TSIA or be exempt, to enroll in credit-bearing college coursework.

A student may retake the TSIA at any time to determine the student's readiness to enroll in entry-level college credit coursework. It is highly recommended that students engage in some sort of intervention (workshops, online resources such as Khan Academy, or tutoring) before retesting.

In order to enroll/participate in restricted college courses (including Dual Credit), scores must be submitted before the semester registration deadlines.

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