

TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Test Communication Plan

All TSI assessment information should be on the campus website for all students and parents to access.

Part I: Website

POST "College Ready!" on the front page of the website (can be a tab) by Friday, September 2, 2016

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

What does it mean to be college ready?

College readiness means a high school student has the knowledge and skills necessary in English and Mathematics to qualify for and succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing post-secondary courses without the need for remediation.

What is the TSI?

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is an assessment designed to determine if a student is ready for college-level course work in the general areas of reading, writing and mathematics. The test will determine what type of course or intervention will best meet the student's needs and to assist in becoming better prepared for college-level course work.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE THE TSI TEST?

Students who **do not meet one** of the following exemptions *must take TSI Assessment prior to enrolling.*

You may be exempt from taking the TSI Assessment if you have:

1. ACT scores: English = 19, Math = 19, Composite = 23
2. SAT scores: Reading and Writing = 480, Math = 530
3. STAAR end-of-course (EOC): minimum score of Level 2 on English III exempts reading and writing (minimum scale score 2000), minimum score of Level 2 on Algebra II exempts math (minimum scale score 4000).
4. See institution for other exemptions

*ACT/SAT scores not older than 5 years and from same test date. TAKS scores not older than 5 years. Partial exemptions are allowed.

DATES & TIMES OF CAMPUS TESTING (see example):

We will be offering TSI testing on the following dates:

Saturday, October 15

October 19 – Seniors Only

Saturday, December 10

January 11 – Seniors

January 18

Saturday, February 4

March 28 – Seniors Only

March 30 – Seniors Only

Saturday, April 8

May 1-3 – Seniors Only

Saturday, May 6

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR THE TSI TEST?

Counselors will be coming by classrooms to sign students up.

WHERE DO I TAKE THE TSI TEST?

Testing will occur in the Go Center, Library and Room 714. Specific details will be provided to you the week of your test. The test is untimed.

TEST PREPARATION

To prepare for the TSI test, visit the following websites and download the app:

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer>

Edgenuity Test Prep to sign in just use your student ID (with the S at the front) and the password is X12345

<http://learn.education2020.com/>

Do I have to take all 3 parts of the exam? What are the passing standards?

Students must test only in areas not exempted or deemed not college ready. **Every student is required to complete a Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) before taking the TSI Assessment.**

The passing standards are as follows:

Reading 351

Math 350

Writing - Essay score of 5, *OR* 4 with a multiple choice score of 363

*The test is un-timed. Students cannot bring calculators - they'll only be allowed to use the calculator app provided by the test. Students may retest at any time. However, between testing sessions, students **MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF PREPARATION** for the re-test. This can be in the form of online test prep or in-person tutoring.

What happens if I do not pass all sections?

You must enroll in a developmental course every semester (Fall/Spring/Summer I/Summer II) until you clear all three sections of TSI. Dropping a developmental course may result in a TSI violation. Talk to a college adviser before dropping any developmental course.