

TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Pre-Assessment

The purpose of this pre-assessment activity is to prepare you for completion of the TSI Assessment, which will determine appropriate course placement with regard to the Texas Success Initiative standards for Math, Reading, and Writing.



What is the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Assessment?

The TSI Assessment (TSIA) is part of the Texas Success Initiative program designed to determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the general areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. This program will also determine what type of course or intervention you may need to be successful in your college career.

Your score determines your eligibility for college level coursework, and failure to put forth your best effort and do well on this test could add additional classes and time to complete your degree.



Exemptions and Waivers for the TSI Assessment

Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter C, Rule §4.54

*Unless otherwise stated, all scores expire five years from the date of testing

- **ACT Scores;**
- **SAT Scores;**
- ***TAAS (Expire three years from date of testing);**
- **TAKS Scores;**
- **STARR End-Of-Course (EOC) Scores;**
- **Prior Degrees;**
- **Transfer;**
- **Military;**
- **Certificate**
- **Dual Credit Only Waiver with STARR End-Of-Course Scores**
- **Accuplacer (Prior to 8/26/2013 if previously enrolled).**



What is the test like?

The TSI Assessment is broken down into two components;

- The placement portion, measuring the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) for math, reading, and writing.
- The Diagnostics portion, given as part two of a TSI module, which is designed to help identify areas of deficiency which may need interventions and/or more study time before retaking the TSI
- The test is adaptive (adjusts to your skill level) and consists of multiple-choice questions with a written essay which is typed on the computer.



Other Useful Information

The TSI Assessment is not timed but, for scheduling purposes, all three sections will take five to six hours.

A computer based calculator is provided on the math questions which allow a calculator. You will not need to bring your own calculator.

Since your scores will determine your eligibility to take college level coursework, it is important to take enough time to carefully complete the test.

Upon completion of the Assessment, you will be given a copy of your scores to turn into you high school counselor.



COLLEGE LEVEL SCORES FOR THE TSI

- **Writing: Placement score of 340 AND a 4 or HIGHER on the Essay OR a placement score of less than 340 and an ABE diagnostic level of at least a 4 and an essay score of at least 5 on the Essay portion**
- **Reading: 351 or Higher**
- **Math: 350 or Higher**



How can I prepare for the TSI Assessment?

To help you prepare for your TSI assessment:

- Complete the practice questions in the next section of this pre-assessment; and
- **FREE Web-Based practice tests at:**
accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org/login



What you will bring to the Testing Center:

**Your TSI Referral Form;
Have knowledge of your Social Security Number**

Among the items you can't take into the testing room with you are your cellphone or any other electronic devices. If you bring personal items with you, you will be asked to store those items in your school locker while you test.



If you do not achieve the desired score, your options include:

- Retaking the TSI assessment or
- Successfully completing developmental coursework

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Advising and Success Center for
further resources**

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Your Next Step..

- If you haven't already done so, complete the ApplyTexas application at [ApplyTexas.org](https://www.applytexas.org)
- Complete the practice questions in the next section of this pre-assessment
- Sign and date your "Certificate of Completion"
- Take your "Certificate of Completion" to the Counselor's office
- Arrive early for your testing appointment
- Take your test scores to the Counselor's Office.

