



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT  
St. Philip's College

# Fall 2020 Texas Success Initiative Assessment – Version 2.0 DC & ECHS updates

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## AGENDA ITEMS:

- Multiple Measures – Exception
  - Follow up fall to spring
- TSIA 2.0
  - Classifications (vocabulary)
  - Test Yield
  - Branching Profiles
    - MATH & ELAR
      - Design – testing experience
- Minimum College Readiness Standards
- Q & A

## MULTIPLE MEASURES IS AN EXCEPTIONS TAC 4.55:

(a) An institution shall assess, by an instrument approved in §4.56 of this title (relating to Assessment Instruments), the academic skills of each entering, non-exempt undergraduate student as defined in §4.53(24) of this title (relating to Definitions) prior to enrollment of the student. Under exceptional circumstances, an institution may permit a student to enroll in freshman-level academic coursework without assessment but shall require the student to be assessed not later than the end of the first semester of enrollment in entry-level freshman coursework.

# MULTIPLE MEASURES (MM) CONTINUED:

## Key Items:

- Based on TAC 4.55 we use MM for students without assessment, who are recent high school graduates.
- Alternative placement methods developed due to COVID-19 have been approved to be used from Summer 2020 – Summer 2021.
- Requires the student to be assessed by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester or pass a course that satisfies CR compliances with a “C” or better. (Table 2 - Common Entry Requirements)

# MULTIPLE MEASURES – FOLLOW UP FALL TO SPRING

## Key Items:

- Dual Credit Office - will review midterm grades for College Ready courses with *a “C” or better grade*:
  - All students must have the MUM status placed on SOATEST by subject area

Test Code *	Description *	Maximum Number of Positions *	Minimum Score	Maximum Score
MUMM	Score Indicator Mult Measure M	2	09	10
MUMR	Score Indicator Mult Measure R	2	09	10
MUMW	Score Indicator Mult Measure W	2	09	10
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- If a student is unsuccessful at midterm, direct them to our appointment system to schedule a technology check, <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/43vjyyxq/10>
- If the student is successful at midterm with a “C” or better, CAs are approved to waive the TSI hold until **December 15, 2020**
  - when final grades post the hold **will be cleared if all 3 areas** have been satisfied

# CLASSIFICATIONS:

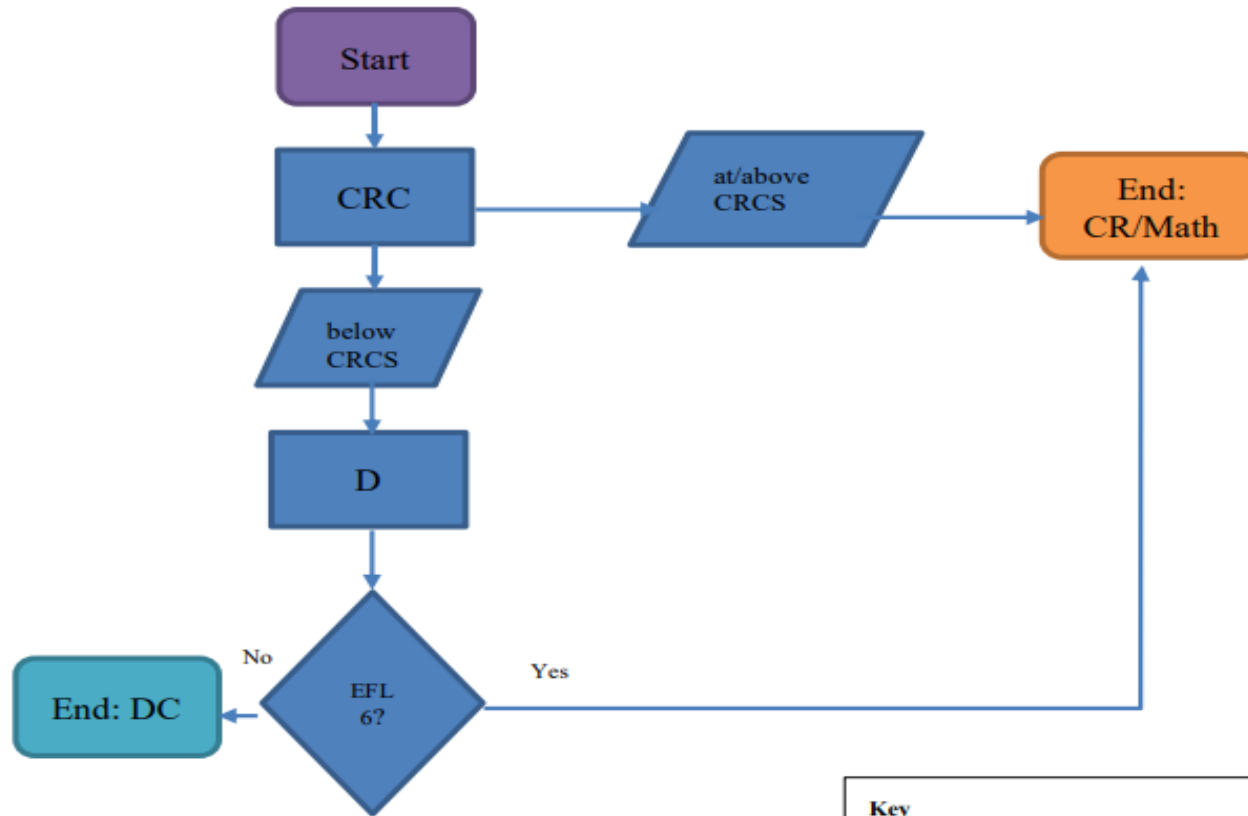
- Test Takers will receive one of two classifications
  1. College Ready Classification (CRC) - test takers receive a college ready classification if their CRC Test yields a college ready score.
  2. Diagnostic Classification (DT) - test takers receive a diagnostic classification if their CRC Test yields a not college ready score and an NRS EFLD level 1-6 on diagnostic testing.
    - NRS - National Reporting System
    - EFLD - Educational Functioning Level Descriptors

## TEST YIELD:

- The multiple-choice test yields a score from 910 to 990.
- Diagnostic Test - the multiple-choice Diagnostic Test yields the following information:
  - A classification into one of five NRS EFLD levels
  - A categorical score (basic, proficient, or advanced) that identifies the student's relative academic strengths and weaknesses.
  - Replacing our previous diagnostics descriptions

DE Mathematics Diagnostics				
Domain	<div><div>Needs Improvement</div><div>Limited Proficiency</div><div>Proficient</div></div>			Score

# TSIA 2.0 MATH BRANCHING PROFILE:

**Key**

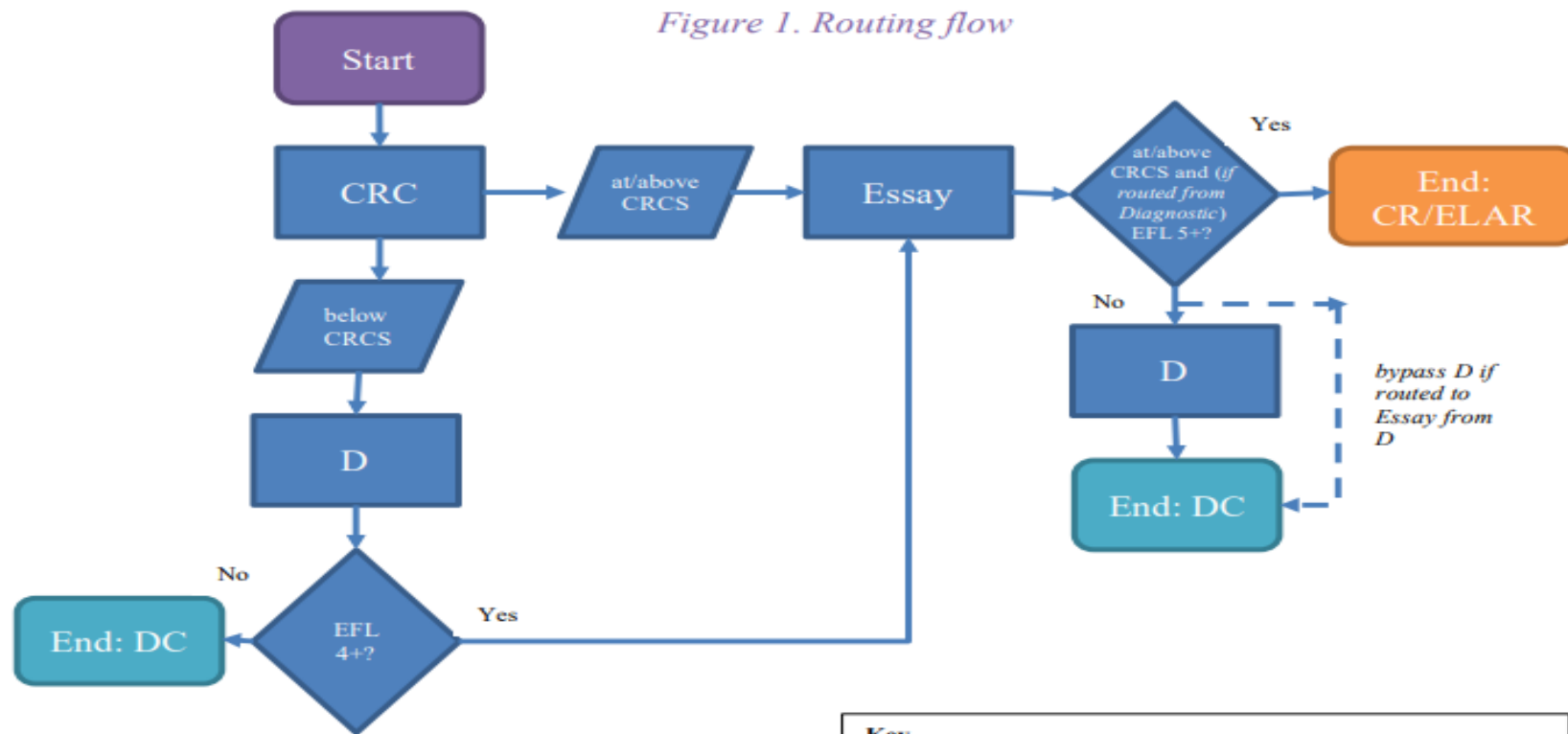
CRC = College Readiness Classification Test  
CRCS = College readiness classification score  
CR = College ready classification  
D = Diagnostic Test  
EFL = NRS Educational Functioning Level  
DC = Diagnostic classification



# MATH DESIGN:

- **Math testing experience consists of 20 items:**
  - 6 items – Quantitative Reasoning
  - 7 items – Algebraic Reasoning
  - 3 items – Geometric and Spatial Reasoning
  - 4 items – Probabilistic and Statistical Reasoning
- **Math Diagnostic testing experience consists of 48 items:**
  - 12 items – Quantitative Reasoning
  - 12 items – Algebraic Reasoning
  - 12 items – Geometric and Spatial Reasoning
  - 12 items – Probabilistic and Statistical Reasoning

# TSIA 2.0 ELAR BRANCHING PROFILE:

**Key**

CRC = College Readiness Classification Test  
CRCS = College readiness classification score  
CR = College ready classification  
D = Diagnostic Test  
EFL = NRS Educational Functioning Level  
DC = Diagnostic classification

# ELAR DESIGN:

ELAR testing experience consists of 30 items:

## **Reading Focused Items:**

- 4 items – Literary Text Analysis set
- 11 items - Informational Text Analysis and Synthesis items
  - 2 Synthesis (paired argumentative passages) items
  - 9 items algorithmically chosen among all remaining Informational Text Analysis varieties

## ■ **Writing Focused Items:**

- 4 items – Essay Revision and Editing set
- 11 items - Sentence Revision, Editing, and Completion items

## ELAR DESIGN CONTINUED:

Essay Test is designed primarily to ascertain (in conjunction with the CRC Test and possibly the Diagnostic Test) whether test takers are college ready or not college ready with respect to writing.

\*Please Note: the essay test remains unchanged from TSI/AI (score 1-8)

### **ELAR Diagnostic testing experience consists of 48 items:**

- 24 items – Text Analysis and Synthesis
- 24 items – A Content Revision and Editing for Conventions

# MINIMUM COLLEGE READINESS STANDARDS:

## TSIA Current Version

<b>TSIA Sections</b>	<b>Minimum Passing Score(s)</b>
Reading	351
Mathematics	350
Writing	340 (Objective) and 4 (Essay) or < 340 (Objective) and ABE Diagnostic $\geq 4$ and Essay $\geq 5$

## TSIA 2.0

<b>TSIA Section</b>	<b>Minimum Passing Score(s)</b>
Mathematics	950 + (Objective) or < 950 and Diagnostic = 6
English Language Arts & Reading (ELAR) + Writing	945 + (Objective) and 5 (Essay) or < 945 (Objective) and Diagnostic 5/6 and an Essay of at least 5

# Q & A

- What is changing with the launch of TSIA 2.0?
  - Current Reading and Writing tests will be combined into one ELAR section
  - Current ABE and DE diagnostic will be combined into one diagnostic section with 5 levels
  - New passing scores for Math and ELAR
  - New navigation features available prior to the exam
- What is the TSIA 2.0 and when does it go into effect?
  - The TSIA 2.0 is the new version of the TSIA exam approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to launch Monday January 11, 2021. On Monday January 11th 2021 the current TSIA will no longer be available. Any student testing for TSI from that day forward will be testing under the new TSIA 2.0.
    - TAC 4.56 requires...Test administrators of the TSI Assessment must follow the requirements and processes for test administration as set forth by the THECB and the test vendor.

# Q & A

- Will my current TSIA test scores be valid?
  - Yes, if you have taken the current TSIA, your test scores are valid for a period of 5 years from the date of testing. However, if you are not yet TSI complete on any section of the TSIA, as of January 11, 2021, you will test with the new TSIA 2.0.
- If I am TSI complete on Reading and not Writing will I have to take the new ELAR test or can I just take the Writing test?
  - The Reading and Writing Sections will be combined into one section, ELAR and cannot be taken separately. You will see both Reading and Writing questions and possibly the essay when taking the ELAR section. Your result on the ELAR section will determine if you reached the College Ready Classification on the Reading and Writing.
- If I am TSI Math complete with the current TSI, do I have to take the new TSI 2.0 Math test?
  - No, if you are currently college ready on Math you do not have to test on the new TSI 2.0 Math. Remember your TSI test scores are valid for 5 years from the date of testing.

# SOURCES:

- THECB - <https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/meeting/committee-supporting-documents/10-20-item-v-s-4-supplemental/>
- THECB Math info - <https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/tsia2-math-test-specifications-v1-2-10-14-20/>
- THECB ELAR info - <https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/tsia2-elar-test-specifications-v1-2-10-14-20/>