



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
St. Philip's College



DC & ECHS UPDATES

What's new with the TSI Assessment 2.0?

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AGENDA ITEMS:

- TSI Assessment Policies & Updates
- Free TSIA 2.0 Pre Assessment Activity
- Enhanced Student Portal
- Minimum College Readiness Standards
- Multiple Measures and Texas College Bridge
- TSIA 2.0
 - Updated Common Entry
 - Re-test scenarios
- TSI Testing Schedule
- Extended Q & A

TSI ASSESSMENT POLICIES & UPDATES :

Mandatory Requirements (TAC 4.55):

- Testing at an Alamo Colleges Testing Center
 - GoFAARR & Test Prep are required for TSI compliance
- Non-Alamo Colleges Testing Center
 - GoFAARR Module is required for all students, good news the modules have been separated

▼ HOLD DETAILS							
Hold Type *	Hold Type Description	Reason	Release Indicator	Amount	From *	To *	Origination Code
UR	Dual Credit Registration Hold	FTIC APP/FINAL HS TRANSCRIPT	<input type="checkbox"/>		09/07/2022	12/31/2099	AUTO
BM	Bacterial Meningitis	OH status insrtd thru GOIMMU	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/22/2021	02/23/2029	CSI
GF	GoFAARR Module	AE GoFAARR Module	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	09/22/2021	12/31/2099	SS
TP	Test Prep Module	AE Test Prep Module	<input type="checkbox"/>		09/22/2021	12/31/2099	SS
TR	TSI Hold	TSI Hold New Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	09/22/2021	12/31/2099	CSI

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- Students may be/exempt from the Test Prep module if your site is providing a Test Prep
 - Just a reminder ISD/High School Test Sites are required by THECB to provide a Pre Assessment Activity

POLICIES CONTINUED:

- The score report/CSV files must have the Banner ID*
 - **TSIA Scores must** be submitted on multiple lines on the CSV file, according to the individual test date
 - Please do not alter CSV score reports, the only edits that should be occurring are Banner ID additions in the last column
- Administer only the approved TSI branching profiles
 - Please note on January 3, 2023, the ELAR branching profile has been updated a diagnostic score of level 3 will prompt an essay
- As of February 13, 2023, THECB has approved a new College Ready Standard for ACT
 - English + Reading combined score = 40
 - Math = 22
 - Note the composite score is no longer required, previous score will be accepted but will follow the previous benchmark(s)

FREE PRE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY

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Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) and TSIA2 Practice for Texas Students

The PAA is required prior to taking TSIA2 tests. Get started now!



Free PAA and practice tests

The PAA is required prior to taking your TSIA2 tests. Once you've **created an account**, you'll also have access to TSIA2 practice tests resembling actual tests.

[Get Started](#)



Improve skills with free learning resources

The TSIA2 Perspective Learning Resources is a free tool that provides hundreds of learning exercises to help strengthen students' knowledge.

[Build Skills](#)



Additional TSIA2 resources

Download and practice with free TSIA2 sample test questions, essay prompts, and review additional resources.

[Download Resources](#)

ENHANCED STUDENT PORTAL :

- Access the [Student Portal](#)
- [Practice Resources](#) all in one area
- Score Report results accessible via the web
- Learning Locator Codes retrievable through student portal and reports from USER portal
- [Test Taking Tutorials](#)

MINIMUM COLLEGE READINESS STANDARDS:

Table 3: TSIA 2.0
Minimum Standards for College Readiness
(Effective 1-11-2021 scores valid for 5 years)

TSI Assessment	Minimum Passing Scores for College-Level Coursework
English Language Arts & Reading [ELAR] (TS2E) Essay (TS2S) ELAR Diagnostic (T2DE)	≥ 945 AND Essay ≥ 5 Or < 945 AND Diagnostic Level ≥ 5 AND Essay ≥ 5
Math TSI Scores (TS2M) Math Diagnostic (T2DM)	≥ 950 ; Or < 950 AND Diagnostic Level = 6

Table 3: TSIA
Minimum Standards for College Readiness
(Prior to 1-11-2021 scores valid for 5 years)

TSI Assessment	Minimum Passing Scores for College-Level Coursework
Writing TSI Scores (TSIW) Essay (TSIS)	[340+ AND Essay of 4+] OR [<340 AND ABE of at least 4 AND Essay of 5]
Reading TSI Scores (TSIR)	351-390
Math TSI Scores (TSIM)	350-390

MULTIPLE MEASURES AND TEXAS COLLEGE BRIDGE:

1. The Multiple Measures Options for HS Programs ended Summer 2022
 1. Students who were utilizing this options must have a TSIA score on file, or
 2. Must have completed a class Non-Dev Ed from Table 2 on the Common Entry Form
2. The Texas College Bridge is NOT an option for any DC & ECHS Program
 1. The College Bridge is a waiver offered to high school graduates after they graduate from high school

CURRENT COMMON ENTRY:

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**Alamo Colleges District
Texas Success Initiative (TSI)
Common Entry Requirements**
Updated 10-6-2022

Information Areas:

- [What is the Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#)
- [Students requiring developmental coursework](#)
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What is the Texas Success Initiative (TSI)?
The Texas Success Initiative is a state mandate, effective August 26, 2013, designed to help students achieve college readiness in the general areas of reading, writing, and mathematics (Texas Administrative Code Chapter 4, Subchapter C). The Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) is the



- Latest Version updated as of 10.6.2022
- Table 2 - course compliance for college readiness has been updated and some courses have been removed
- High School Program information can be found on p 9

RETEST OPTIONS ACCORDING TO THECB

Texas Success Initiative Assessment, 2.0 (TSIA2)
**Standalone Retest Options for ELAR
Tests (CRC and Essay) utilizing TSIA2 and
TSIA (former version) Scores**



January 22, 2021

Background

In an effort to reduce the testing burden on students and increase opportunities to demonstrate college readiness (CR), the following guidance should be used to determine standalone retest options for the Texas Success Initiative, Version 2.0 (TSIA2) English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) College Readiness Classification Test (CRC) and Essay. The options provided, as applicable, are for students who:

- met the benchmark for only one component (*College Readiness Classification Test (CRC)* (multiple choice) or *Essay*) of the TSIA2 ELAR benchmark or
- met the TSIA Reading benchmark and only one component (*Placement Test* (multiple choice) or *Essay*) of the TSIA Writing benchmark prior to January 11, 2021.

Use of Essay Scores in Determining College Readiness

There were no changes to the design of the Essay component from the TSIA to the TSIA2. Thus, Essay scores may be used interchangeably to meet the respective CR benchmark as follow:

- A TSIA2 Essay score may be paired with a TSIA Writing Placement Test (*former version*) score (340 or higher; *TSIA2 Essay Score* ≥ 4) or ABE Writing Diagnostic score (4 – 6; *TSIA2 Essay Score* ≥ 5) to meet the TSIA Writing benchmark.
- *Only a TSIA Essay score of 5* may be paired with a TSIA2 ELAR CRC score to meet the TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.

Eligible students may be administered the appropriate standalone TSIA2 ELAR Branching Profile when retesting (Essay Only or ELAR CRC Only).

TESTING SCHEDULE:

- Zoom TSIA sessions are no longer available as of 2023
- Face to Face TSIA testing is available almost daily
 - Appointments must be scheduled
 - 1st Saturday of the month TSIA full exam 9 am and TSI one sections 10:00 am
- Examity is still a virtual option, they offer 24 hours a day service. Appointments are available usually as soon as tomorrow.
 - The fee is \$25 paid directly to the vendor.

SAMPLE CSV FILE SINGLE LINE VS MULTIPLE LINES:

Site ID	Last Name	First Name	Banner ID#	Birth Date	Test Start	TSI WritePl	TSI Math	TSI Reading	TSI Writing	ABE Math	ABE Reading	ABE Writing
				10/20/2005	0/18/2020	3	327	331	354			

Time Record

Test Session Started	Test Session Ended	Total Time
09-18-2020 02:23 PM CDT	10-14-2020 10:50 AM CDT	01h:45min:32s

Test Results

Test Name	Score
TSI Writing Placement	354
TSI WritePlacer 2017	3

Time Record

Test Session Started	Test Session Ended	Total Time
09-11-2020 02:31 PM CDT	10-09-2020 03:40 PM CDT	00h:58min:33s

Test Results

Test Name	Score
TSI Reading Placement	331
ABE Reading Diagnostics	5

