



Texas Success Initiative Assessment

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What is the TSI Assessment?

A program designed to help Texas institutions determine if a student is ready for entry college level course work in the general areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. TSI will also help determine what type of course or intervention will best meet a student’s needs to better prepare them for college level course work.

Placement Chart					
SUBJECT	TSI Assessment	THEA	ACCUPLACER	COMPASS	WritePlacer or e-Write
READING	351	230	78	81	
MATH	350	230	63	39	
ENGLISH	6 on essay*	220	80	59	6

* Or 5 on essay with objective score of 350

* Or 4 on essay with objective score of 363

Examinees are allowed to stop the exam at any point and return at a later date **however the complete exam must be finished within 14 days or the system will automatically close the session. Examinee will have to repay for all sections that are not completed.**

Examinees may retake the TSI Assessment to determine readiness anytime however the testing fee will apply. Developmental coursework is required for students who do not pass one or more sections of the TSI Assessment. [More Information](#)

TSI Exemptions:

- ACT - a combined score of 23 or higher with a minimum of 19 on English and Math grants a full exemption. A combined score of 23 or higher with a minimum of 19 on English grants a partial exemption in English. A combined score of 23 or higher with a minimum score of 19 on Math grants a partial exemption in Math.
- SAT - a combined score of 1070 or higher with a minimum of 500 on both Critical Reading and Math grants a full exemption. A combined score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on Critical Reading grants a partial exemption in English; a combined score of 1070 or higher with a minimum score of 500 on Math grants a partial exemption in Math.
- TAKS - minimum score of 2200 on the English Language Arts with a minimum score of 3 on the writing subscore; 2200 on math. Scores must be no more than 5 years old.



- STAAR – End of Course (EOC) with a minimum score of 2000, Level 2, on the English III EOC shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment for both reading and writing; a minimum score of 4000, Level II, on the Algebra II EOC shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment for the mathematics section for a period of 5 years from the date of testing.
- Associate or Baccalaureate degree graduates from an accredited institution of higher education.

Mandatory Pre-Assessment Activity:

Before you take the TSI Assessment, you must participate in a Pre-Assessment Activity. Galveston College uses Querium to meet the requirement: <https://www.tsipreview.com/>. After completing the Pre-Assessment Activity a certificate is awarded as documentation. You will **NOT** be allowed to take the TSI Assessment until you have completed this activity.

How to Prepare

Take advantage of the free sample questions to improve in areas where your academic performance is not strongest. To access the full sample question document, visit www.collegeboard.org/texas-sample-questions, www.math.com,

Remote TSI Assessments

For Galveston College students needing to test at another testing center:

1. You must complete the mandatory Pre-Assessment Activity using Querium.
2. Contact the Counseling Center at 409-944-1220 for a TSI Request Form.
3. Contact the Testing Center at gctesting@gc.edu or **409-944-1290** at least two days prior to the date you would like to test. Requests not submitted at least two days prior to the desired administration date may cause a delay in testing.
4. You will receive notification that a voucher was created (this is also sent to the Testing Center of your choice).
5. After testing is complete, the Galveston College will receive your test scores automatically.

Initial Cost: 29.00

Retest Cost: 10.00 (Per Subject)



Students applying to or attending another college/university:

**Galveston College will only test students for another college using remote voucher system.
NO EXCEPTIONS**

1. Contact the Testing Center of the College or University you wish to attend.
2. Request information for creating a remote test voucher
3. The College or University you wish to attend will create a voucher for the site you request (Galveston College).
4. You will receive notification that a voucher was created (this will also be received by the Galveston College assessment coordinator).
5. Contact the Galveston College Testing Center @ 409-944-1290 and schedule an appointment.
6. After an appointment has been made, please arrive at the Testing Center with a valid photo identification card, the email containing the voucher information.
7. There is a \$29.00 testing fee which is payable in the business office prior to testing. (M-222 or via telephone 409-944-1362)
8. After testing is complete, the college or university that you wish to attend will receive your test scores automatically.

Cost: 29.00