

# TSI INFORMATION FOR COUNSELORS AND ADVISORS




## WHAT IS TSI?

Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a state law requiring all Texas public institutions of higher education to determine college readiness in English and Math for all degree-seeking undergraduate students, both on campus and online.

## WHY TAKE ACTION?

Students are encouraged to take action related to TSI as soon as possible to be prepared for enrollment. TSI status does not impact admission, but it does impact enrollment.

## WHAT DOES THE TSI OVERALL STATUS MEAN?

	OVERALL STATUS	ACTION NEEDED	ENROLLMENT IMPACT
	Liable	TSI exemption or TSI test Score(s) haven't been received	Enrollment prevented
		<b>ACTION:</b> Submit documentation of a TSI exemption or TSI test score(s)	
	Not Complete	TSI test Score(s) received are below college readiness benchmark	TSI course enrollment required
		<b>ACTION:</b> (optional) retake TSI Test	
	Complete	College readiness demonstrated in Math & English	No TSI enrollment impact
		<b>ACTION:</b> none	

## WHAT TSI EXEMPTIONS ARE ACCEPTED?

A number of exemptions are allowable which will move a student into the TSI Complete category (e.g., SAT scores, ACT scores, Texas College Bridge Certificates, etc.). Please find the full list of exemptions [here](#).

## NO EXEMPTIONS? NO PROBLEM!

TSIA2 testing is required for the subject area where the student is not exempted. TSIA2 can be taken at many community colleges or universities if a student cannot take the test in high school. UTA offers this test; click [here](#) for more information.

## STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE TSIA/TSIA2 TEST?

TSI test scores are valid for 5 years. Students should contact the college or university to learn about the process and procedure of submitting scores to that institution.

## WHAT ARE THE TSIA2 BENCHMARKS (SCORES FOR TSI COMPLETION)?

Subject	Score Option 1	Score Option 2
English (reading & writing)	ELAR: 945 or higher and Essays: 5 or higher	ELAR: less than 945 and Diagnostic: 5 or higher and Essay: 5 or higher
Math	Math: 950 or higher	Math: less than 950 and Diagnostic: 6