



## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ Sheet)**

### **1) What is the Texas Success Initiative (TSI)?**

A law requiring all entering college students to be tested for college readiness in reading, writing and mathematics UNLESS the student qualifies for an exemption. Each student who fails to meet the minimum passing standards of the TSI Assessment test **must** be placed in a **developmental education program** designed to help the student achieve college readiness.

### **2) Must all students take a test before enrolling in college classes?**

Unless exempt, students entering a Texas 2-year or 4-year public college or university must complete the **Pre- Assessment Activity** (PAA) and then take the state-approved TSI Assessment test and **receive passing scores in order to enroll in credit bearing courses**. Students who pass the state-approved TSI Assessment test have completed the TSI requirements.

### **3) How do I know if I'm exempt?**

You're exempt if you:

- ❖ Earn a score of 3 or higher on any of your AP Math and/or AP English exams.
- ❖ Earn a 480 or higher on SAT Reading/Writing and/or a 530 or higher on the SAT Math.

➤ Visit the **Counseling Suite (Rm. 3116)** if you have any additional questions about exemptions for the TSI.

### **4) What happens if I don't pass the test?**

If you do not make the **minimum required score** for each of the three academic areas (**reading, writing, and math**), you will be enrolled in a program of developmental education for the specific area(s) needing remediation.

### **5) If I don't pass one of the state tests, will I not be able to attend college?**

Not meeting one or more of the requirements of the TSI Assessment test **will not keep you from attending a Texas college or university**. **The tests are for placement purposes only**. If you do not meet the minimum requirements for one or more sections, you will be enrolled in an appropriate developmental course. You may retake the TSI Assessment in order to meet the minimum score for one or more sections.

### **6) How can I prepare for the TSI Assessment?**

You can complete a TSI Pre-Assessment to prepare for the test. You are highly encouraged to register for access to the TSI web-based study app by going to <http://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org>. The app will provide sample questions and allow you to become familiar with the test content.