

Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Exemption Rules

ACT & SAT EXEMPTIONS

SCORES CAN BE NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OLD

ACT Scores required for TSI Exemption	SAT Scores required for TSI Exemption
Composite Score: 23 or higher Subtest: Math Score of 19 or higher *TSI MATH EXEMPT*	<i>Beginning March 2016</i> Subtest: Math Score of 530 or higher *TSI MATH EXEMPT*
Composite: 23 or higher Subtest: English Score of 19 or higher *TSI WRITING & READING EXEMPT*	<i>Beginning March 2016</i> Subtest: Critical Reading Score of 480 or higher *TSI WRITING & READING EXEMPT*

TAKS EXEMPTION

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Eleventh grade exit-level TAKS Scores of 2200 or higher on math and/or 2200 or higher in English Language Arts with a writing composition rating of at least 3.

[The English Language Arts and written composition sections must be met together]

If neither or only one area is met, the student must take both the reading and writing sections of the TSI assessment.

STAAR EXEMPTION

STAAR end-of-course (EOC) with a **Level 2 score or higher** on the **English III Section**
TSI READING/WRITING EXEMPT

STAAR end-of-course (EOC) with a **Level 2 or higher** on the **Algebra II Section**
TSI MATH EXEMPT

EXISTING COLLEGE DEGREE EXEMPTION

Earned associate or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

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MILITARY EXEMPTION

Military Service:

- a) Students who serve in the state of Texas as active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Official documentation of active duty status for the enrollment period is required. Students must file a Verification of Active Duty form each semester which can be obtained in the Base Education Office.
- b) Students who are on active duty in the Texas National Guard.
- c) Students who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces for at least 3 years preceding enrollment.
- d) Students who on or after August 1, 1990, were honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces, Texas National Guard, or member of reserve component. A copy of the DD214 form showing this status is required.

TRANSFER STUDENT EXEMPTIONS

Students who are transferring to Texas Southern University (TSU) from a **private** and/or **out-of-state**, regionally-accredited college or university, **may** meet sections of the TSI Assessment based on the grade of a **C or higher** in courses that are equivalent to the following TSU courses:

Writing*

- Freshman English I & II: ENG 131 or ENG 132

Reading*

- English Literature: 230, 231, 235 & 244 (World, American & African-American)
- United States History: HIST 231 or 232
- American Government: POLS 235 or 236
- General Psychology: PSY 131

Mathematics*

- College Algebra or any Higher Level Math: MATH 133

*If **one or more exemptions are met**, please review and confirm that the appropriate test scores and/or transcripts are submitted to the TSI Coordinator via email: neveusr@tsu.edu and/or in-person. Please call 713-313-6886 to schedule an appointment.

All test scores/transcripts must be submitted to receive exemptions