

**Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Exemption Rules**

**ACT & SAT Exemptions**

**SCORES CAN BE NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OLD**

<b>ACT Scores required for TSI Exemption</b>	<b>SAT Scores required for TSI Exemption</b>
Composite: 23 or higher <b>and</b> Subtest: Math score of 19 or Higher is TSI Math Exempt.	Composite: 1070 or higher <b>and</b> Subtest Math score of 500 or higher is TSI Math Exempt.
Composite: 23 or higher <b>and</b> Subtest: English score of 19 or Higher is TSI Writing & Reading Exempt.	Composite: 1070 or higher <b>and</b> Subtest Critical Reading score of 500 or higher is 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, student must take both the reading and writing sections of a TSI test.]**

**STAAR Exemption**

STAAR end-of-course (EOC) with a minimum score of Level 2 on the English III shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment required under this title for both reading and writing, and a minimum score of Level 2 on the Algebra II EOC shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment required under this title for the mathematics section.

**Existing College Degree Exemption**

Students who have an associate or bachelor's degree earned from a regionally accredited college or university.

## Military Exemptions

### Military Service:

- (a) Students who are serving 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 U.S. armed forces, Texas National Guard, or member of reserve component. A copy of the DD214 form showing this status is required.

## Transfer Students Exemptions

Students who are transferring to TSU from a **private** or **out-of-state**, regionally accredited, college or university *may* meet sections of the Texas Success Initiative based on a grade of C or better in courses that are equivalent to the following courses at Texas Southern University.

### Writing\*:

ENG 131 or 132- Freshman English I & II

### Reading\*:

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

### Mathematics\*:

MATH 133- College Algebra or any higher level MATH

\*Student's who believe they meet one of the exemptions, should be sure that the appropriate test scores/transcripts are submitted to the TSI Coordinator (by email: [neveusr@tsu.edu](mailto:neveusr@tsu.edu) or in person, call 713-313-6886 to schedule an appointment) as soon as possible.

### Notes:

-Students previously considered TASP or TSI exempt/complete from another Texas state institution will not have to meet TSI requirements; however, all course prerequisites must be met. **(Official documents must be presented at the time of exemption)**

-Some international courses may not meet these requirements. The Transfer Center will inform students of their transfer credits once transcripts have been evaluated.