



# College and Career Readiness Education

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## Tuloso-Midway High School

### TSI testing

#### What is the new TSI Assessment? Why is it important?

Beginning August 26, 2013, all students registering to take dual credit classes will be required to take the new Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. The purpose of the new examination is to assess a student's academic ability in order demonstrate college readiness. The TSI assessment will determine a student's preparation level for the subjects of reading, writing and math.

How do I know if I am exempt from the TSI Assessment?

TSI Exempt:

- **SAT:** on or after March 5, 2016: EBRW - 480+ and Mathematics - 530+; or
- **ACT:** composite of 23+ with a minimum of 19+ on English AND 19+ on mathematics ; or

#### How do I prepare for the TSI?

You can go to this website for sample questions, sample essays, Information brochure, and resources:

<http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer>

#### How much is the TSI?

The cost of the test is \$20.00 for the first time; \$10.00 for re-testers; \$10.00 Partial Fee waiver (must qualify). Payment *must* be made at the time of registration.

#### What else do I need to do now about the Mandatory Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA)?

The activity will provide:

- Information as to the importance of the TSI
- Practice test questions and feedback
- An explanation of all your options in developmental education, if you do not meet the minimum scores
- Information on campus and community resources that help you succeed as a college student

#### If you have not done this at TMHS then follow the steps below.

1. A Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) is required before TSI testing. This can be done on-line at [www.delmar.edu/tsi](http://www.delmar.edu/tsi) (click on "begin your Pre-Assessment Activity" at bottom of page). It may take 45 minutes to an hour for this step.
2. Once students have completed the Practice Assessment (PAA), they will **print a certificate** indicating they completed the PAA after all components have been reviewed.
3. Submit your printed certificate to Ms. Rose Perez at the College & Career Office (library).

#### When is the TSI Offered? PAA must have been completed.

- Students must register before test day with Mrs. Casarez in the Counseling Office.
- The TSI test will be offered several times a year. Test dates will be scheduled soon and will be announced to students.
- The test is untimed and could take up to five hours.
- Reporting time on test date is 8:30am
- Space is limited to 25 students per test date on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Payment must be made before the test date.
- Fee waivers are available to those who qualify (i.e. free or reduced lunch, etc.)