



# Dual Enrollment

## Testing Information

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### **TSI to be completed by Priority Deadline April 1, 2026**

#### **What is the TSI?**

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment is an exam that is required for all incoming college students. The exam consists of multiple-choice reading, writing, and math sections as well as an essay. The exam is computer adaptive, which means questions increase or decrease in difficulty.

#### **How long do I have to take the TSI?**

The TSI is untimed, and the average length of time required to test is four hours.

#### **Where do I take the TSI?**

The TSI is administered at your high school, ISD location or at Alvin College in-person or online. Students should take the exam sections required for their course(s) of interest.

#### **What if I do not pass the TSI?**

Students may retest in the areas they did not pass. **Students should meet with their Dual Enrollment advisor to review scores after completing the TSI and before retesting.** Students may still be eligible to take dual enrollment courses before retaking the TSI.

#### **What if I need testing accommodations?**

If you require accommodations, please contact the Alvin College Office of Student Accessibility Services *prior* to registering for the exam at 281-756-3533 or [sas@alvincollege.edu](mailto:sas@alvincollege.edu). Please note that TSI accommodations are not available through the high school or ISD testing locations.

#### **What do I need to bring with me to my testing appointment?**

All students need a photo ID to take the TSI. If you do not have a photo ID, students can complete the [Student ID Form](#) on our Dual Enrollment website under Forms, and bring it to their testing appointment. First-time testers must also complete the Pre-Assessment Activities (PAA) and bring their certificate of completion with them to their testing appointment. The PAA link is on the TSI exam registration page.

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

Alvin College offers TSI Test Prep Bootcamps during the school year where students will learn more about the TSI exam, valuable test-taking tips, and study skills. Sample questions and helpful study tools are available on the Alvin College Testing Center webpage, <https://www.alvincollege.edu/admissions/testing/tsi.html>.

#### **How do I register for the TSI?**

**Alvin College application needs to be completed, and acceptance email received before signing up for TSI testing.** To register for the TSI in-person or online at Alvin College go to [www.alvincollege.edu](http://www.alvincollege.edu) and click on Marketplace, then Testing. To register for a testing session at your high school or ISD location, please visit your school's website. If you plan to test online, please note that you will need a computer with a strong internet connection, a camera, and a microphone.

TSI Scores	Exemptions
<p>English Language / ELAR and Essay 945 + and essay of 5 + OR below 945 with diagnostics score of 5 + and essay of 5 +</p> <p>Math 950 or diagnostic score of 6</p>	<p>SAT 480 Reading &amp; Writing 530 Math</p> <p>ACT (after 2/15/23) 40 English (Reading &amp; Writing) 22 Math</p> <p>ACT (before 2/15/23) 23 Composite English 19 &amp; Math 19</p>

**Note: If you are not sure if you need to take the TSI, or which sections you need, please contact your Alvin College Dual Enrollment advisor directly.**