



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

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.