

# TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requires students to be assessed in reading, writing and mathematical skills before enrolling in a Texas public college or university. Texas Education Code, section 51.334, provides institutions of higher education a means of determining students' readiness to enroll in freshman-level course work. Students are required to complete the TSI Assessment before enrolling at Texas A&M University-Kingsville unless they meet one of the exemptions listed below.

The TSI Assessment is an examination designed to help determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the general areas of reading, writing and mathematics. This examination will also help determine what type of course or intervention will best meet your needs to help you become better prepared for college-level course work if you are not ready. Based on how you perform, you may either be enrolled in a college-level course that matches your skill level or be placed in the appropriate transitional course to improve your skills and prepare you for success in college level courses.

## Exemptions

Students are exempt from the TSIA if a qualifying score has been made on the ACT, the SAT, speStudents are exempt from the TSIA if a qualifying score has been made on the ACT, the SAT, specified STAAR EOC exams or the 11th grade exit-level TAKS. *It is the responsibility of the student to provide official ACT, SAT, STAAR EOC or TAKS scores to Texas A&M University-Kingsville to qualify for an exemption before enrollment in college level courses.*

These exemptions are effective for five years from the date of testing. Students enrolling for the first time in a Texas public institution of higher education after those periods have elapsed must be treated as though they had not been tested.

### ACT, SAT, TAAS/TAKS and Military Exemption Standards

#### ACT

Obtain a composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the English and/or the mathematics tests.

#### SAT (prior to March 2016)

A combined score of 1070 with a 500 on the math and/or critical reading (formerly verbal) sections.

#### SAT (beginning in March 2016)

A minimum score of 480 on the Evidence Based Reading and Writing test shall be exempt for both reading and writing; a minimum score of 530 on the Mathematics test shall be exempt for mathematics

#### STAAR EOC

Obtain a score of at least 4000 (Level 2) on the Algebra II and/or a score of at least 4000 (Level 2) on English III

#### TAKS (11th grade, exit-level)

2200 in Math and/or 2200 in English/Language Arts with a writing sub-score of at least 3.

#### Military

Students who are serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, Texas National Guard or reserves of the armed forces of the United States (and have served for the previous three years). Students who were honorably discharged, retired or released from active duty in the armed forces, the Texas National Guard or any reserve component of the armed forces, on or after August 1, 1990 may be exempt. A DD214 form showing honorable discharge status is required and submitted to the Office of Admission.