

About the TSIA2 Assessment

The Texas Success Initiative Assessments 2.0 (TSIA2) are a series of assessments used in the State of Texas to assess the readiness of college-level courses for placement purposes.

The TSIA2 is designed to assess knowledge and skills in the areas of English Language Arts and Reading, and Mathematics. Tests are untimed and consist of multiple-choice questions, except for the essay. The TSIA2 is a computer adaptive test designed to select test questions according to the test taker's ability. The placement scores for these tests were developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordination Board (THECB) to assess if a student is college ready or if developmental courses are necessary to assist and become college ready.

Test results are usually available immediately after testing, or on a rare occasion the following business day. A test can be saved if necessary, *except for the essay section*. Saved tests must be completed within fourteen (14) calendar days of date test was saved to avoid repayment and starting a new test.

Who has to take the TSIA2?

Students who enroll in a Texas institution of higher education or high school students who enroll in college-level courses are required to test. Some students may be exempt from taking the TSIA2. Possible reasons for exemption include the following:

- If a student has met the minimum college ready standards on the SAT or ACT, or of a required statewide high school test.
- If a student has successfully completed a college-level Math or English course.
- If a student enrolls in a Level-One certificate program of less than 43 semester credit hours.
- If a student is not seeking a two-year or higher degree.
- If a student is currently or has been in the military.

To find out if you are exempt consult the HC Catalog or contact the HC Advising Department at www.howardcollege.edu/advising.

Which TSIA2 subject do I need to take?

Students who are not sure of which test to take are encouraged to visit with a college advisor to find out which TSIA2 subject(s) fit their degree plan.

What should I do before I take the TSIA2?

If you are a first-time tester there is a **Mandatory** Pre-assessment Activity (PAA) that must be completed prior to taking the TSIA2 tests. The PAA includes important information about the test, sample questions, and study resources. The PAA can take up to 30 minutes to complete and once completed a confirmation email is sent to your email. By completing the PAA prior to your scheduled appointment it allows you time to study before testing. To access the PAA visit <https://practice.accuplacer.org/login>.

What do I need to know about the TSIA2 Test Subjects?

The **Mathematics** TSIA2 components consist of a multiple-choice college readiness classification (CRC) test (20 questions) to assess if a student is college ready or not and a multiple-choice diagnostic test (48 questions) designed to identify strengths and weaknesses.

*College Level Ready scores as follows:
CRC of 950-990,
or
CRC of 910-949 and a Diagnostic Level 6.*

The **English Language Arts and Reading** (ELAR) TSIA2 components consist of a multiple-choice college readiness classification (CRC) test (20 questions) in conjunction with an Essay to assess if college ready or not and a multiple-choice diagnostic test (48 questions) designed to identify strengths and weaknesses.

*College Level Ready scores as follows:
CRC of 945-990 and an Essay of 5-8,
or
CRC of 910-944 and a Diagnostic Level 5-6,
and an Essay of 5-8.*

How can I prepare for the TSIA2?

ACCUPLACER has a free TSIA2 Study App available with practice resources to prepare for the TSIA2 Assessments. To access the app visit the following link at <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice>.

How do I schedule to take the TSIA2?

Contact the Howard College Testing Center to schedule an appointment at the number listed on this pamphlet. Appointments are recommended to ensure availability.

What will I need on the test day?

1. A Valid Photo I.D.**
2. A paid receipt for the tests.
3. Your Social Security Number.
4. Proof of the PAA Completion Certificate (required for first-time testers only)

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Current driver's license
- State-approved ID
- Current school ID
- Current college ID
- Current state or federal ID card
- Current passport
- Tribal ID card
- A naturalization card or certificate of citizenship.

***I.D. cannot be expired and must include your name and a clear recognizable photo.*

NOTE: the testing center will provide you scratch paper and pencils. **HANDHELD CALCULATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** A calculator is built into the mathematics software of the test.

Any non-essential items brought to the test center will be stored in a designated area during testing at the Owner's risk.

Can I retake the TSIA2?

Students who do not meet the college readiness classification scores can retake the TSIA2. To retest students will need to schedule an appointment and repay the test fee. Students are strongly encouraged to study and take advantage of the free TSIA2 Learning Resources information that is printed on the students Individual Score Report before retesting.

Accommodations

Students with disabilities may request accommodations for the TSIA2. ADA requests must be made in advance. To obtain information about accommodations as required by the institution contact the ADA Coordinator in the Howard College Advising Office on the Big Spring campus.

Test Center Information

**Office Hours: Monday–Thursday
(8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) Closed Friday.**

**Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday
(7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) Closed Friday.**

**TSIA2 Tests are administered all year by
appointment.**

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Information Brochure

Compiled by the Howard College Pass Center for informational purposes for our students and faculty.

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