



To: ARS Parents
From: Kris Waugh, Academic Dean
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Re: College Readiness and the TSI

We are very proud that all ARS students have graduated ready for college.

What does it mean to be college ready?

College readiness means a high school student has the knowledge and skills necessary in English and Mathematics to qualify for and succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing post-secondary courses without the need for remediation.

What is the TSI?

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is an assessment designed to determine if a student is ready for college-level course work at public universities in Texas in the general areas of reading, writing and mathematics. The test will determine what type of course or intervention will best meet the student's needs and to assist her in becoming better prepared for college-level course work.

Do all students have to take the TSI assessment?

No. Many students will be exempt from taking this assessment based on their SAT or ACT performances. Students who meet the following minimum requirements on either exam will be *exempt* from taking the TSI:

ACT: English = 19, Math = 19, Composite = 23

SAT: Reading & Writing = 480, Math = 530, no minimum composite

What if a student does not meet these minimum requirements?

Seniors who are not exempt based on SAT or ACT have already been contacted by [Amy Bryant](#), senior counselor. She will provide all information on how to register and prepare for the tests. Students will work with Ms. Bryant to determine the best time to take the test at ARS.

What happens if I do not pass all sections?

If you enroll at a Texas public university, you will be required to enroll in a developmental course every semester (Fall/Spring/Summer I/Summer II) until you clear all sections of TSI. See Ms. Bryant for questions about this requirement.