

Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA2), formerly called TSI Exemption Rules

ACT or SAT EXEMPTIONS

SCORES CAN BE NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) YEARS OLD

ACT Scores required for TSIA2 Exemption	SAT Scores required for TSIA2 Exemption
<u>Composite Score: 23 or Higher</u> Subtest Math Score: 19 or Higher *TSIA2* MATH EXEMPT*	<u>Effective March 2016</u> Subtest Math Score: 530 or higher *TSIA2 MATH EXEMPT*
<u>Composite Score: 23 or Higher</u> Subtest English Score: 19 or Higher *TSIA2* READING & WRITING EXEMPT*	<u>Effective March 2016</u> Subtest Critical Reading Score: 480 or higher *TSIA2 READING & WRITING EXEMPT*

TAKS EXEMPTION

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Eleventh grade exit – level TAKS Scores of 2200 or higher in Math and / or 2200 or higher in English Language Arts with a Writing Composition rating of 3 or higher.

The English Language Arts and Writing Composition sections must be met together

If neither or only one area is met, the student must take both Reading and Writing sections of the TSIA2.

STAAR EXEMPTION

STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) with a Level 2 score or higher on the English III Section

TSIA2 READING & WRITING EXEMPT

STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) with a Level 2 or higher on Algebra II Section

EXISTING COLLEGE DEGREE EXEMPTION

TSIA2 MATH EXEMPT

If a student has earned an associate or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

TEXAS COLLEGE BRIDGE EXEMPTION

The Texas College Bridge (TCB) Certification program is a partnership with the Texas Education Agency and The NROC Project. High School juniors and seniors are allowed to take the college prep courses to help ensure they are college – ready. Students scoring a 90 or higher are issued a Certificate that qualifies them to be exempt from TSIA2.

Students must submit their TCB Certificates via GreenLightLocker for verification:

- <https://greenlightlocker.com/>
- Do not send to 'Texas Southern University'
- Click the share icon and complete the following
 - Send To: Testing Coordinator
 - Email: TSI@Tsu.Edu
- If you have Language Arts and Math Certificates, you will have to send separately.
*** TCB Certificates will not qualify for exemption after 2 years from graduation***

MILITARY EXEMPTION

Military Service:

1. Students who are Active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces or Texas National Guard will be exempted. Official documentation of active-duty status for the enrollment period is required. Students must file a Verification of Active Duty form each semester which can be obtained in the Base Education Office.
2. Students who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces for at least three (3) years preceding enrollment.
3. Students who on or after August 1, 1990, with and honorable discharge, retirement or release from active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces, Texas National Guard, or member of reserve component will be exempted. A copy of the DD214 form showing this status is required.

TRANSFER STUDENT EXEMPTION

Students who are transferring to Texas Southern University (TSU) from a **private** and or **out-of-state**, regionally – accredited college or university, **may** meet sections of the TSIA2 based on the grade of a **C or higher** in courses that are equivalent to the following TSU courses:

Writing*

- Freshman English I & II: ENG 131 or ENG 132

Reading*

- English Literature: 230, 231, 235, & 244 (World, American & African American)
- United States History: HIST 231 or 232
- American Government: POLS 235 or 236
- General Psychology: PSY 131

Mathematics*

- College Algebra or any Higher-Level Math: MATH 133

*****TAKS, STAAR, and all Transcripts need to submit to Admissions@Tsu.Edu for exemption clearance. Military Exemptions and Texas College Bridge Certificates (use method above) need to be submitted to TSI@Tsu.Edu for exemption clearance. *****