

Becoming a TSI Assessment Testing Site



Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board

Is your Texas public school district or charter school interested in administering the TSI Assessment (TSIA) for your high school students? If so, please contact Kathie Montognese, the College Board liaison for THECB. Ms. Montognese will provide guidance to your testing/assessment director on the steps to becoming a testing site. Note: there is no charge for becoming a testing site, nor are there any limitations based on the number of students tested.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Pre-Assessment Activity

- TSI Rule 4.55(b) requires that all testing sites provide a [Pre-Assessment Activity \(PAA\)](#) for all test takers PRIOR to test administration.
- Your district may create its own PAA, use a PAA from another Texas public institution of higher education, or email [Querium](#) to request information to use its [free PAA](#).

Computer-Adaptive

- The TSIA is an untimed, computer adaptive test administered to students online only*. The full suite of tests includes the following, which are divided by subject area (reading, writing, and mathematics):
 - Placement test (20 M/C questions that determine whether or not a student is college ready)
 - Diagnostic test (additional 30-40 M/C questions only for students who did not meet the college readiness benchmark on the Placement test; provides further details on students' specific areas of strength and weakness)
 - Essay (impromptu, 350-500 word persuasive essay)
- TSI Assessment Resources can be found at the [TSI-DE webpage on the THECB website](#)
- [TSIA college readiness benchmarks](#) are outlined in TSI Rule 4.57

Testing Costs

- Cost of test is based on number of testing units used by each student
- Each unit is priced at \$1.70 (**\$1.75 starting September 17, 2018**)
- A student who wishes to test in all three subject areas will use up to 8 units
 - 1 unit each for reading, writing, and mathematics Placement tests
 - 1 unit each for reading, writing, and mathematics Diagnostic tests (required for each area in which the student did not meet the college readiness benchmark)
 - 2 units for each essay test

Mandatory Testing Personnel Certification –starting July 2018, all new and currently approved testing sites will need to direct its test administrators and test proctors to complete mandatory online certification. All approved test administrators will receive further details on meeting this requirement.

*The accommodated TSIA versions include large print paper-based, Braille, and audio tests. Further information on these options are available at the platform's homepage provided during the application process.