

Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

At the end of the regular legislative session (2003), a bill (SB 286) was passed which resulted in the elimination of the TASP and the program and the creation of TSI (Texas Success Initiative). With this, individual colleges and universities are required to meet the requirements set forth by the state, but are given more freedom to tailor the program to best meet the needs of their students. The information given below follows the South Plains College developmental education plan.

Dual Credit and the TSI

A high school student is eligible to enroll in dual credit courses in the eleventh and/or twelfth grade if the student demonstrates college readiness by achieving the minimum passing standards on an assessment instrument approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Board or by demonstrating that he or she is exempt under provisions of the Texas Success Initiative.

Texas Success Initiative –Minimum Passing Standards							
THEA		Accuplacer		Asset		Compass	
Reading	230	Reading	78	Reading	41	Reading	81
Math	230	Math	75	Math	38	Math	39
Writing	220/6	Writing	80/6	Writing	40/6	Writing	59/6
<i>The minimum passing standard for the written essay portion of the writing tests is a score of 6. However, an essay with the score of 5 will meet this standard if the student meets the objective writing score.</i>							

Texas Success Initiative –Exempting Scores								
TSI AREA	TAKS 10 TH Grade* (2 years)**		TAKS Exit Level (3 years)**		ACT*** (5 years)**		SAT* ** (5 years)**	
Reading & Writing	English/L.A.	2200/3	English/L.A.	2200/3	English	19	Verbal	500
Mathematics	Mathematics	2200	Mathematics	2200	Math	19	Math	500
					Composite	23	Combined	1070

**Tenth grade TAKS score exemptions are only valid for enrollment during high school.*

***Students must register for college classes within the time limit indicated for scores to be accepted.*

**** Students must meet the composite/combined score for ACT / SAT to be eligible for the exemption.*

TSI course restrictions

The following South Plains College courses are restricted to students with passing or exempting scores in stated areas on TSI approved assessments.

Reading – All college level Biology and English classes, PSYC 2301, GOVT 2301, GOVT 2302, HIST 1301, HIST 1302, HIST 2301 MUSC 1427. As well as Internet ANTH 2346, ANTH 2351, COSC 1401, PSYC 2306, PSYC 2314, SOCI 1301, SOCI 1306, SOCI 2301 and SOCI 2306.

Writing – All college level English courses if you failed the Writing and/or Reading portion.

Mathematics – All college level mathematics courses, and MUSC 1325.