

Tests for College**ACT**

The ACT test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The tests cover four areas: English, mathematics, reading and science.

SAT

(Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Almost every college in America accepts the SAT as a part of its admissions process. More than two million students take the SAT every year.

TSI Assessment

(Texas Success Initiative Assessment)

The TSI Assessment is used by Texas colleges and universities as a way to evaluate the readiness of students for college-level coursework in Texas.

CLEP

(College Level Examination Program)

These tests give you the opportunity to receive college credit for what you've already learned through independent study, prior course work, on-the-job training, professional development, cultural pursuits or internships.

Admissions Requirements for Colleges

Below are the requirements for automatic/guaranteed admission to some public universities in Texas. Applicants who do not meet the requirements for automatic admission are considered by holistic review. Factors considered include class rank, high school GPA, course selection, standardized test scores, extracurricular achievements, essays, teacher recommendations, and special circumstances.

Angelo State University - San Angelo, TX

Top 10% - no minimum ACT/SAT score
Next 40% - ACT 17 or SAT 900 (M+CR)

Midwestern State University - Wichita Falls

Top 10% - no minimum ACT/SAT score
Next 40% - ACT 21 or SAT 1070 (M+CR)
3rd Quarter - ACT 23 or SAT 1140 (M+CR)
4th Quarter - ACT 24 or SAT 1180 (M+CR)

Texas A&M University - College Station, TX

Top 10% - no minimum ACT/SAT score
Next 15% - 30 ACT or 1360 SAT (M+CT)

Texas State University - San Marcos, TX

Top 10% - no minimum ACT/SAT score
Next 15% - ACT 20 or SAT 1000 (M+CR)
2nd Quarter - ACT 22 or SAT 1090 (M+CR)
3rd Quarter - ACT 26 or SAT 1250 (M+CR)
4th Quarter - ACT 29 or SAT 1330 (M+CR)

Texas Tech University - Lubbock, TX

Top 10% - no minimum ACT/SAT score
Next 15% - ACT 24 or SAT 1180 (M+CR)
2nd Quarter - ACT 26 or SAT 1260 (M+CR)
3rd Quarter - ACT 27 or SAT 1290 (M+CR)

University of Texas at Austin - Austin, TX

Top 7% - no score minimum

University of Houston - Houston, TX

Top 10% - no minimum ACT/SAT score
Next 15% - ACT 21 or SAT 1080 (M+CR)
2nd Quarter - ACT 24 or SAT 1170 (M+CR)

University of North Texas - Denton, TX

Top 10% - no minimum ACT/SAT score
Next 15% - ACT 20 or SAT 1030 (M+CR)
2nd Quarter - ACT 23 or SAT 1130 (M+CR)
3rd Quarter - ACT 26 or SAT 1250 (M+CR)

West Texas A&M University - Canyon, TX

Top 25% - no minimum ACT/SAT score
2nd Quarter - ACT 17 or SAT 820 (M+CR)
3rd Quarter - ACT 20 or SAT 940 (M+CR)
4th Quarter - ACT 21 or SAT 980 (M+CR)

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College and Career Ready Generation**College Admissions Tests**

The Tests You'll Need

You are required to take a number of tests during high school. Some help make sure you have the knowledge needed for graduation, and others measure your level of reading, writing and math skills. The good news is, tests can tell you a lot about yourself. They measure your knowledge and skill level, and help you judge how ready you are for college.



Here are a few tests, and why they're so important:

- The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests determine if you have the necessary skills for your grade level, and the end-of-course STAAR tests show if you have the skills needed to graduate from high school courses.
- AP and CLEP exams allow you to gain college credit for things you've learned in high school courses.
- The SAT and ACT indicate if you have the reading, writing and math skills needed for college-level work.
- All students (except those who are exempted through other tests) must take the **Texas Success Initiative (TSI)** assessment before enrolling in college-level courses. Your college advisor will use the results to help you choose the right courses.

Test for high school graduation

Before graduating from high school, students must pass five exit-level STAAR exams (English I and II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History) which are typically given in the spring semester of grades 9th and 10th.

Tests for entrance into Texas public colleges and universities

You must take a College Readiness, **TSI**, test, before beginning classes at a Texas public college or university to be sure you have the reading, writing, and math skills needed for college-level work. These tests may not be required if you:

- Received a STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment score of at least 4000 on Algebra II, 2000 on the English III section, and/or 2000 on English III Writing section;
- Scored a 23 or higher on the ACT composite and a minimum of 19 on both the English and math tests;
- After March 5, 2016: earned a minimum SAT score of 480 on Evidenced Based Reading & Writing and 530 on Math; or
- Enroll in a certificate program of 42 or fewer semester credit hours at a public community college or technical college.

Additional exemptions may apply. See your high school counselor or campus testing coordinator for more information. (Admissions requirements may vary for private and out-of-state colleges/universities.)

TSIA "College Ready" Cut Scores

Effective Fall 2017

Math 350

Reading 351

Writing 340 MC + 4 Essay or

Less than 340 MC + 4 Diagnostic Level + 5 Essay

Nationally recognized tests for admission to colleges and universities

Many colleges and universities in the U.S. and Texas require you to take either the SAT or the ACT test. Often your scores on these tests determine whether you will be admitted to the college of your choice. Some colleges and universities award special scholarships based on your scores.

Tests during High School

TEKS/STAAR

(Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills / State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness)

The TEKS represents the knowledge and skills students should gain in school each year. Students are expected to learn TEKS from kindergarten all the way through high school, so that they will gain the skills they need to succeed in college and life when they graduate high school.

The STAAR EOCs are tests designed to make sure students have learned what they should; they cover the knowledge and skills of the TEKS. If students study, work hard, and read at home every day, they should do well on the STAAR tests. The STAAR tests are the best way schools can find out if students are learning everything they need to know to keep up and not get behind.

AP Exams

(Advanced Placement Program)

College-level AP courses enable you to earn credit or advanced standing at Texas colleges and universities.

PSAT 8/9 & PSAT/NMSQT

(Preliminary SAT 8/9 & Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

Both tests are multiple-choice tests administered by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The 11th grade level PSAT/NMSQT scores determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Program.