Hello, your child is confirmed to take the TSI test at Turner College and Career High School. We look forward to having your child on campus for testing. For a smooth check-in process, please read the important information below. Should you have any questions or need to reschedule, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 281-727-1600.

**IMPORTANT:** If you have any questions or concerns on the day of testing, you can contact the testing center at 281-727-1619. This phone is not monitored any other time except for the day of TSI testing.

**IMPORTANT:** On the day of testing, students should be dropped off by 7:30am. The front doors will open at 7:30am and lock at 7:45am. Late arrivals after 7:45am will not have access to the building and will forfeit their testing reservation. Testing at Turner ends by 1:00pm, though most students finish before that time and can call their parents for pick-up. Students usually take approximately 60 minutes for each section, but some finish all three sections in an hour. Students are encouraged to eat a good breakfast and consider packing a snack and water bottle. While there are not scheduled breaks, students can take a break any time they feel the need. However, they cannot access their phone or communicate with others.

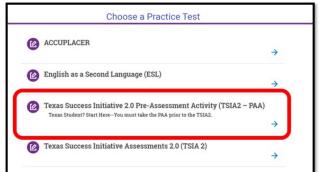
**IMPORTANT:** On the day of testing, **students must bring a photo id and printed copy of PAA** (acceptable forms of IDs are listed below). Masks are encouraged, but not required. Pens, pencils and paper will be provided for you. Calculators are not allowed. The math portion of the test will provide an online calculator for questions that allow use.

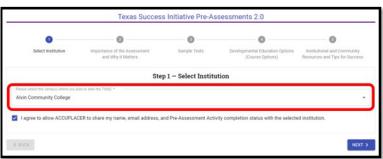
Acceptable forms of IDs:

- School ID showing name and clear photo (no stickers or significant scratches over the photo)
- A current yearbook that shows student name and photo
- A printout of Skyward that shows student name and photo.
- Passport or other government issued photo id

**IMPORTANT**: Students must take the required Pre-Assessment Activity **before** testing day (only takes about 20 minutes). Student cannot test without presenting a printed copy of the PAA completion certificate.

- NOTE: IF YOU HAVE TESTED AT TURNER BEFORE, THEN WE HAVE YOUR PAA ON FILE AND THERE IS NO NEED
  TO BRING IT AGAIN. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE NOT TESTED AT TURNER BEFORE, THEN YOU MUST BRING
  PROOF OF PAA WITH YOU. IF YOU CANNOT LOCATE YOUR PAA, YOU CAN TAKE IT AGAIN USING THE LINK
  BELOW. BUT YOU MUST DO IT BEFORE TESTING DAY.
- Students must create an account then select the Texas Success Initiative 2.0 Pre-Assessment Activity (TSIA2-PAA).
- Upon completion of the PAA, a certificate of completion will be sent to the email you provided when creating the account. Please don't use the student's school email as it does not receive emails from outside Pearland ISD. Please **PRINT** and bring a copy of that certificate on the day of testing (the proctors will collect this).
- The PAA platform works best on Firefox, and doesn't work at all on mobile devices.
- Use this link to complete the PAA. You will also find practice tests available on this site. Be sure to select Alvin Community College as the campus: <a href="https://practice.accuplacer.org/login">https://practice.accuplacer.org/login</a>





**IMPORTANT:** For students taking the ELAR and Essay, you acknowledge that the Essay portion of the test is not guaranteed. Students must meet a minimum required score on the ELAR Diagnostics to receive the Essay question. Students and/or parents acknowledge that no refunds are given for students who do not receive the Essay prompt due to not meeting the minimum required score. Below is a breakdown of the TSI exam:

## **TSI2 ELAR Test**

This section is made up of 30 multiple choice questions, covers four sub-categories, and addresses two content categories:

- 1. Reading-focused questions that measure the student's skills in comprehension and analysis of literary texts, as well as informational and argumentative texts, including paired passages;
- 2. Writing-focused questions that measure the student's skills in revision and editing of sentences, paragraphs, and early drafts of essays.

If the student doesn't meet the college readiness benchmark after the initial 30 multiple choice questions, then the student receives the ELAR Diagnostic Test which consists of 48 additional multiple-choice questions. Students should take their time and answer each question to the best of their ability as the diagnostic test provides students with a second chance to demonstrate college readiness in ELAR. The ELAR Diagnostic Test contains 48 multiple-choice questions, of which 24 are reading-focused and 24 are writing-focused.

## **TSI2 Essay Test**

TSIA2 Essay Test is used along with the multiple-choice ELAR component to see if students are college ready with respect to reading and writing. The Essay Test requires students to type a 300-600 word essay in response to one randomly selected question prompt. Students are not allowed to use a dictionary or other outside resources. Students are provided scratch paper to plan their essay outline and handwrite rough drafts as needed. Students can ask the proctor additional scratch paper if needed. All scratch paper will be collected at the end of the test session. Students will only receive an essay prompt if they meet a minimum score of 945 on the ELAR and/or a minimum score of 4 on the ELAR Diagnostics. Refunds are not issued for students who do not receive an essay prompt.

## **TSI2 Math Test**

This portion is made up of 20 questions and covers four content categories:

- 1. Quantitative Reasoning: Calculating ratios, proportions, and percentages, as well as identifying, manipulating, and interpreting linear equations and expressions;
- 2. Algebraic Reasoning: Solving equations (linear, quadratic, polynomial, exponential, rational, and radical), evaluating functions, and solving algebraic problems in context;
- 3. Geometric and Spatial Reasoning: Converting units within measurement systems, solving geometric problems (perimeter, area, surface area, and volume), performing transformations, and applying right triangle trigonometry;
- 4. Probabilistic and Statistical Reasoning: Classifying data, constructing appropriate representations of data, computing, and interpreting probability, and describing measures of center and spread of data.

If the student doesn't meet the college readiness benchmark, they will be routed to the Mathematics Diagnostic Test. Student should take their time and answer each question to the best of their ability. The diagnostic test provides students with a second chance to demonstrate college readiness in mathematics. The Mathematics Diagnostic Test is made up of 48 questions. There are 12 questions from each of the content categories listed above.

**IMPORTANT:** Checkout the <u>TSIA2 Accuplacer Student Portal</u> for helpful study and practice resources. Another helpful resource is the Accuplacer TSIA2 study app. Students will need to create an account to access.