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HB 1891, 86th Legislative Session

- An exemption from the assessment requirements of the Texas Success Initiative for students who achieve a certain score on a high school equivalency examination.
- Sponsors: Rep. Lynn Stucky [R] and Sen. Beverly Powell [D]
- Signed by the Governor on June 14, 2019
- Effective on September 1, 2020



Stakeholders: Who Needs to View, Verify, and Approve Scores?

- Adult Education Division
 - identify students who master and exceed basic skills
- Recruitment and Enrollment
 - encourage access to areas of study, internships, etc.
- Admissions and Records
 - recognize the achievement of HSE students and simplify the admissions process
- Advising
 - recommend HSE students for scholarships, ACC programs & courses
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
 - support the results students earn on HSE exams and provide guidance to educational institutions


Considerations for Advocacy, Equity and Inclusion

- Imposter Syndrome: fear of being inadequate to task or undeserving of recognition, even with proof of achievements
- Perceptions around GED® and HiSET® persist: Social capital, college preparedness, rigor
- Non-academic readiness concerns for non-traditional/adult learners: Managing work, home, school, finances & other resources, self

Minimum Passing Scores for HSE Exams in Texas

Exam	Minimum Score in Range 100-200	Exam	Minimum Score in Range 1-20
Mathematical Reasoning	145	Mathematics	8
Science	145	Science	8
Social Studies	145	Social Studies	8
Reasoning through Language Arts	145	Language Arts - Reading	8
		Language Arts -Writing	8 and 2+ on Essay
		COMBINED SCORE	45 and 2+ on Essay



HSE Exam Scoring – College and Career Ready (CCR) Ranges

GED®

- 165 – 174 College ready
- 175 - 200 College ready + credit
- https://ged.com/about_test/scores/college_ready/

HiSET®

- 15 – 20 on each subtest and
- 4 – 8 on Language Arts- Writing
- <https://hiset.ets.org/states-policy/about/scores/>

How Can Institutions Get HSE Exam Scores Directly?

- TEA Certificate Search
 - Testers can print a free PDF verification with their certificate number and date of issue
 - Testers BUY an official PDF transcript with verified scores for \$5 and arrange for printing
 - Certificate / Transcript Search
<https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/Tea.TxChse.Web/Public/CertificateSearch.aspx>
- For HiSET®: Testers can send their transcripts to the institution of their choice through their online account:
<https://ereg.ets.org/ereg/home/>

A consideration for TEA, etc.:

- Schools and Institutions are eligible for a free Parchment Receive Lite account to request and receive GED® transcripts
 - <https://www.parchment.com/GED/>

State-Approved Minimum TSIA Scores TSI Assessment Cut Scores

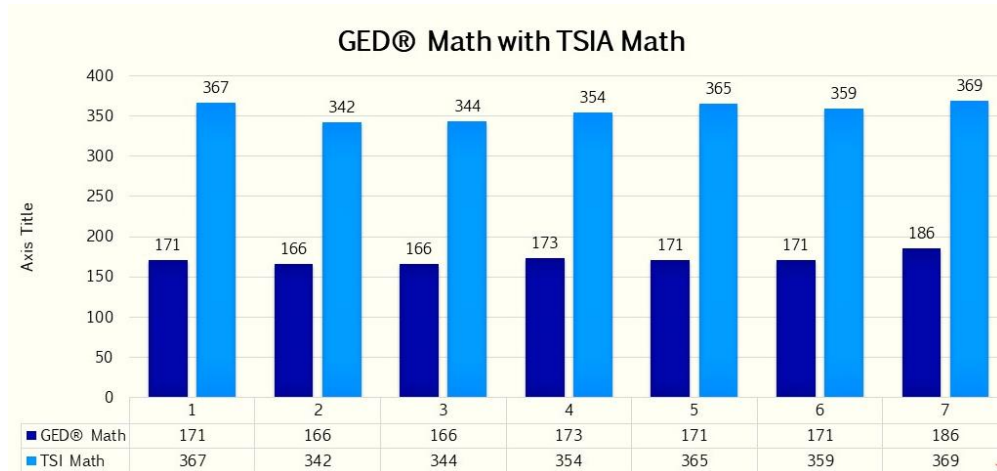
- Math – 350
- Reading – 351
- Writing – 5 essay or 4 essay, plus 340 MC

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/institutional-resources-programs/public-community-technical-state-colleges/texas-success-initiative-and-developmental-education/>

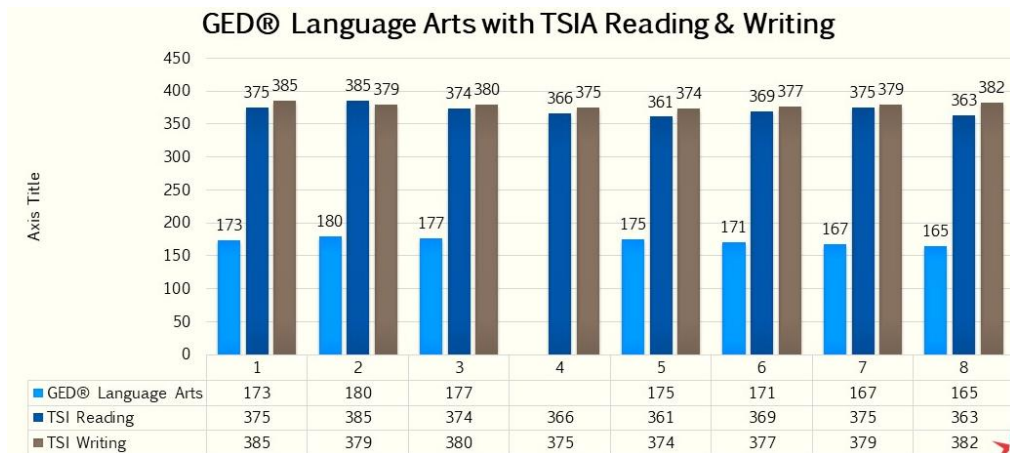
ACC Student Performance (GED® vs TSI)

Student	GED® Math	TSI Math	GED® Language Arts	TSI Reading	TSI Writing
1	171	367	173	375	385
2	166	342	180	385	379
3	-	-	177	374	380
4	166	344	-	366	375
5	173	354	175	361	374
6	171	365	-	-	-
7	171	359	-	-	-
8	-	-	171	369	377
9	186	369	167	375	379
10	-	-	165	363	382

ACC Graduates with GED® Math 165+ Results on TSIA (350+)



ACC Grads with GED® Language Arts (165+) Results on TSIA Reading (351+) and TSIA Writing (5 essay OR 340 + 4 essay)



Critical Promotion Points

- Instruction teams

- Admissions
- Advising
- Testing Centers
- Students
- TEA

Action Planning

1. Students Access & Understand their Scores
2. TEA and TWC can access transcripts - not only complete / not complete
3. Admissions and Records - receive and honor scores
4. Advising - interpret HSE scores & skill competencies
5. Instructional Dean - coordinate with Dev Ed and other departments to recommend appropriate courses for students endorsed for college / career readiness
6. Adult Ed - further smooth the transition from HSE to college

Let's Focus Our Strength

Earning the TxCHSE is an accomplishment that represents many hours of study, sacrifice and effort.

It's important for higher education institutions to understand and honor this achievement, especially for college / career ready scores.

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