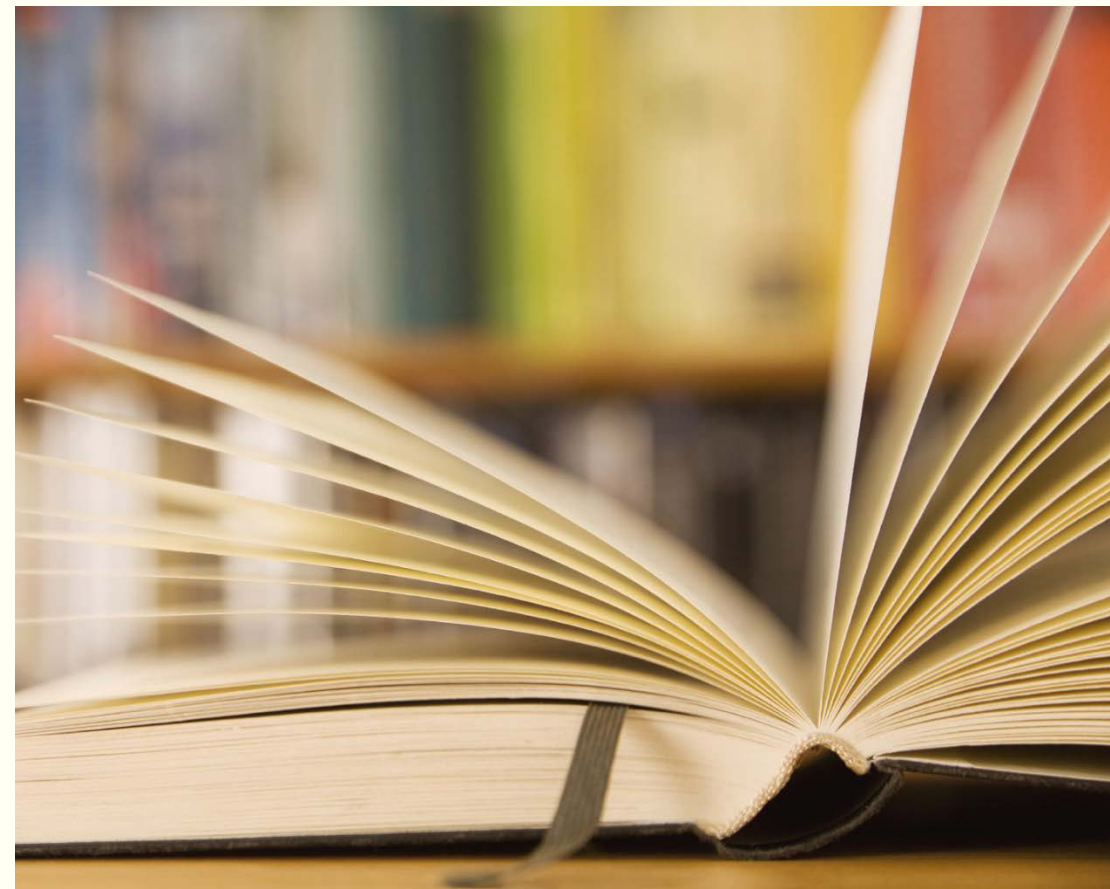


**GED SCORES AS A TSIA  
ALTERNATIVE:  
HELP YOUR STUDENTS  
TRANSITION TO HIGHER ED**

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# Minimum Passing Scores for HSE Exams in Texas



Exam	Minimum Score in Range 100-200
Mathematical Reasoning	145
Science	145
Social Studies	145
Reasoning through Language Arts	145



Exam	Minimum Score in Range 1-20
Mathematics	8
Science	8
Social Studies	8
Language Arts -Reading	8
Language Arts -Writing	8 and 2+ on Essay
<b>COMBINED SCORE</b>	<b>45 and 2+ on Essay</b>



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

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## GED®

165 – 174 College ready

175 - 200 College ready + credit

- [https://ged.com/about\\_test/scores/college\\_ready/](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/>

# Considerations For Advocacy, Equity and Inclusion

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## 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

# HB 1891, 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

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- 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, 2019

# State-Approved Minimum TSIA Scores

## TSI Assessment Cut Scores

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**Math**  
350

**Reading**  
351

**Writing**  
5 essay OR  
4 essay + 340 MC

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

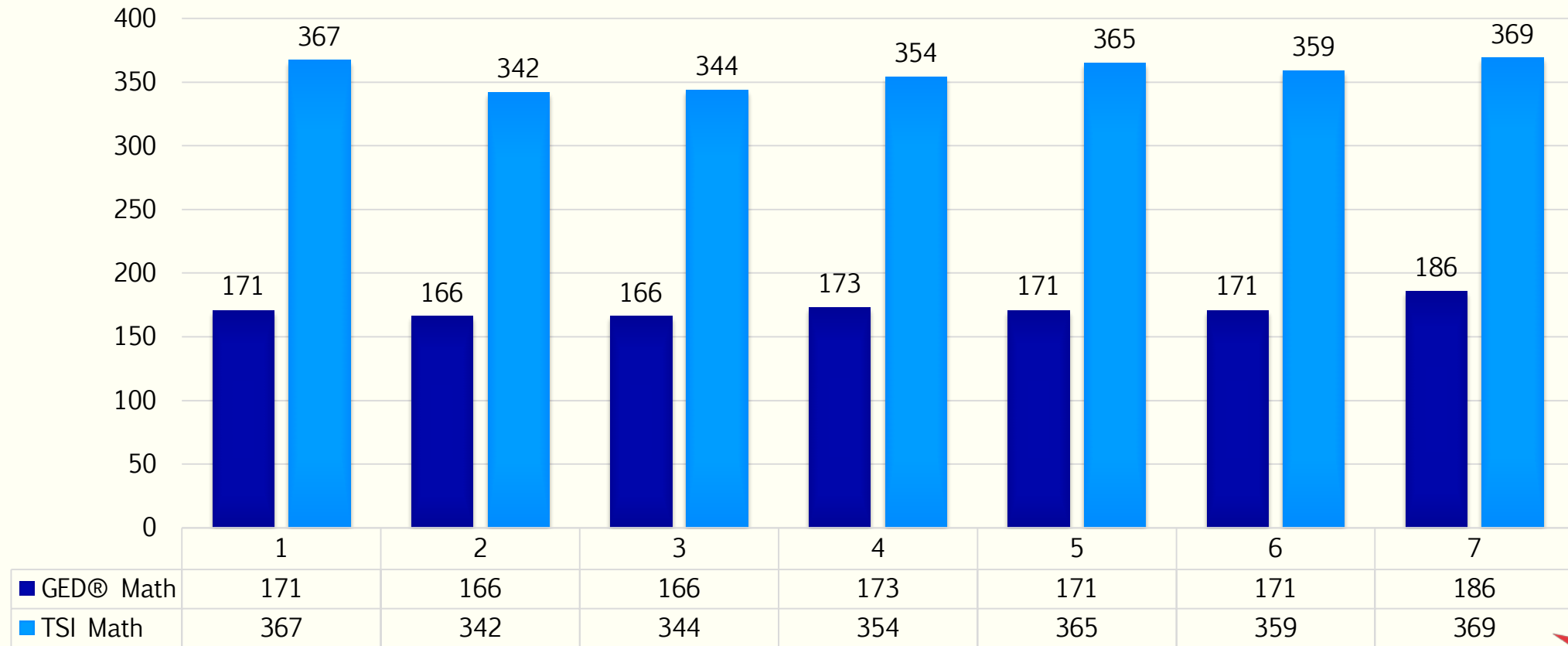
# ACC Student Performance (GED® vs TSI)

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



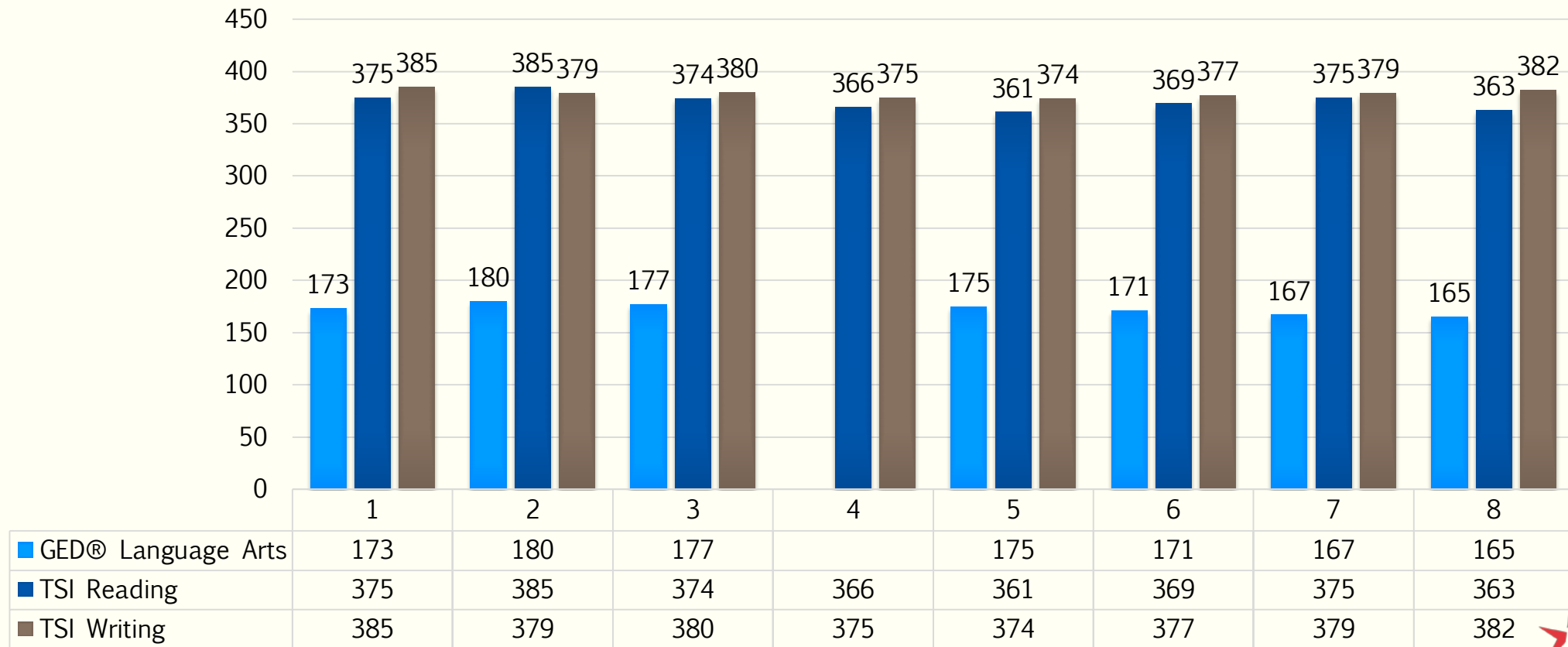
# ACC Graduates with GED® Math 165+ Results on TSIA (350+)

## GED® Math with TSIA Math



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

## GED® Language Arts with TSIA Reading & Writing



# Criteria for Alternate Placement: Students with GED scores from 2015 to current

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Score of 165+ on Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA) and/or Math Reasoning (with or without TSIA)

Placement:

- Ⓢ RLA : Eligible to take entry-level ELA courses in accordance with student's degree plan and should be based on the TSI Course List
- Ⓢ Math: Eligible to take MATH-1332 or MATH-1342
- Ⓢ If student needs a STEM college-level course, eligible to take NCBM 02314/MATH-1314, NCBM 0224/MATH-1324, or NCBM 0244/ MATH-1414

(Salinas, L., 2020, slide 10)

## Criteria for Alternate Placement: HS Equivalency/GED completers who do not meet the above criteria

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Placed into a corequisite course. This is the default Placement.

Placement using the math and INRW placement charts:

- Ⓞ INRW paired with credit course:
- Ⓞ SPCH-1315 and ENGL-1301 (r & w);
- Ⓞ HIST 1301 or 1302 (r)
  
- Ⓞ MATD/NCBM paired with MATH

OPTION: Students can appeal this placement by taking TSIA

(Salinas, L., 2020, slide 11)

# Class Advising for GED® Testers

GED Subject Area	GED score	English (350+ TSIA Recommendation)	MATH Non-STEM (350+ TSIA Score Recommendation)	MATH STEM (344-349 TSIA Score Recommendation)
LA	165	ENGL 1301 or other course that requires R, E		
Social Studies	165	ENGL 1301 or other course that requires R, E		
Science	165	ENGL 1301 or other course that requires R, E		
Math	165		MATH 1332 or MATH 1342	MATD 0414*/ MATH 1314 corequisite NCBM 0214*/ MATH 1314 corequisite NCBM 0244*/ MATH 1414 corequisite NCBM 0224*/ MATH 1324 corequisite

# Class Advising for HiSET® Testers

HiSet Subject Area	HiSet score	English (350+ TSIA Recommendation)	MATH Non-STEM (350+ TSIA Score Recommendation)	MATH STEM (344-349 TSIA Score Recommendation)
Language Arts Reading	15	ENGL 1301 or other course that requires R, E		
Language Arts Writing	15	ENGL 1301 or other course that requires R, E		
Math	15		MATH 1332 or MATH 1342	MATD 0414*/ MATH 1314 corequisite NCBM 0214*/MATH1314 corequisite NCBM 0244*/ MATH 1414 corequisite NCBM 0224*/ MATH 1324 corequisite

# How Can Testers and Institutions Get HSE Exam Scores Directly?

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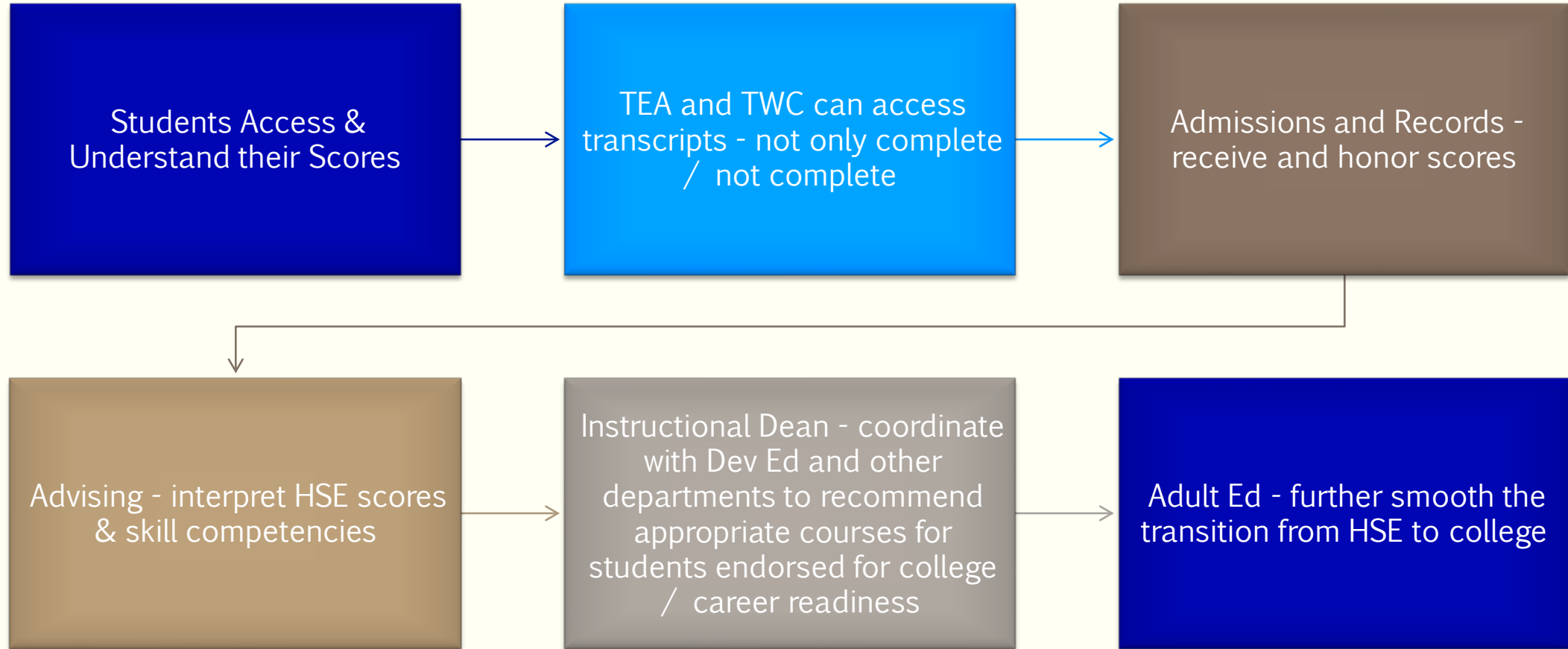
- Texas Education Agency Certificate Search
  - Testers can print a free PDF verification with their certificate number and date of issue
  - Testers BUY an official PDF transcript with verified scores for \$5 and arrange for printing
  - Certificate / Transcript Search  
<https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/Tea.TxChse.Web/Public/CertificateSearch.aspx>
- 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 and higher education institutions :

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

# Where We Push for Action

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# To Get the Ball Rolling: Stakeholders Who Need to Verify and Approve Scores

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## 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

# Critical Promotion Points

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Instruction  
teams

Admissions

Advising

Testing  
centers

Students

Texas  
Education  
Agency

# Let's Focus Our Strength

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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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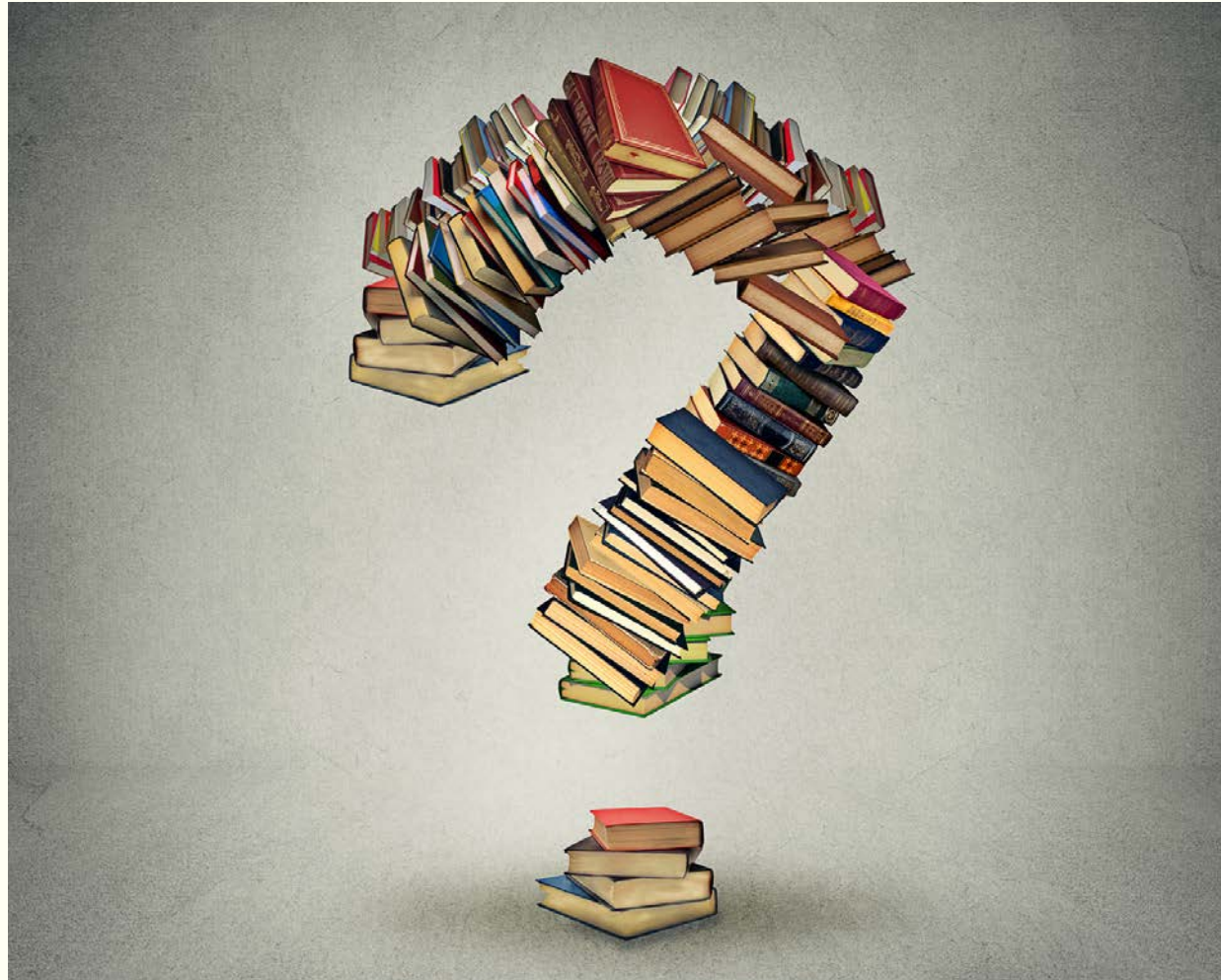
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# Questions / Comments

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