

PREPARING FOR THE TSI ASSESSMENT

ABOUT THE TSI

- Complete the Pre-Assessment Activity through my.LoneStar.edu before taking the TSI test.
- TSI is comprised of math, reading, writing and an essay.
- With the exception of the essay, the test can be paused and finished later (within 14 calendar days).
- TSI is a self-paced, untimed test. All three portions can take an average of four to six hours to complete.
- You can choose the section you take first: math, reading or writing.
- For college-level placement, you must score the following:
 - Reading: 351+
 - Writing: 363+ and 4 on essay **OR** 5+ on essay only
 - Math: 350+

REVIEW OPTIONS

- accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org – TSI web-based study app with sample questions
- LoneStar.edu/testing-nharris – In-person math and English review session dates
- LoneStar.edu/test-preparation.htm – Test preparation information and online resources
- fsc.lonestar.edu/GCPASS_lonestar/PREP_Home – TSI prep videos and review manuals
- nhmath.lonestar.edu/Faculty/Turnelle/index – Math problems, solution videos and quizzes
- mometrix.com/academy/tsi-test/ – Online review and practice tests

TIPS



When taking the test... **DO**:

- ✓ Use your LSCS ID number.
- ✓ Bring a photo ID.
- ✓ Use only the calculator provided on-screen when taking the math section.
 - **NOTE:** Not all math questions will have the option to use a calculator.
- ✓ Write a five-paragraph persuasive essay (300-600 words) that includes a main idea, specific examples and details to back up your main idea.
- ✓ You can change the appearance of the testing screens by using the Accessibility Wizard.



When taking the test... **DO NOT**:

- ✗ Click outside the test screen (to use Microsoft Word or internet) as it will automatically lock the exam.
- ✗ Use another calculator other than the one provided on-screen for select math questions.
- ✗ Start the essay portion if you do not intend on finishing it before you leave.
- ✗ Close your exam without printing your results.