Skip Testing and Use Your High School Transcript for Placement FAQs

1. If I have TSI scores and bring in my high school transcript, can I use my high school transcript for course placement? No, if you have a TSI score, that replaces high school transcript placement. However, if you are dissatisfied with your TSI placement and would like to retake the TSI, you may do so.

2. If I use high school placement to register and then take the TSI test later can I register based on test scores? Yes, you may use the test scores to place into a class. For example, if you received a D in English IV, but your TSI test score would place you into ENGL 1301, then you would enroll in ENGL 1301. If you place into college level math and want to take the Accuplacer Math assessment to test into a higher level math course you may do so. (Ex.: your high school grades place you into college algebra, but you want to take the Accuplacer test to place into trigonometry or higher).

3. If I placed in college level math and/or English based on my high school transcript and I do not pass the class the first semester, so I do not become TSI complete, do I have to take the TSI test? If you do not pass your course you will need to meet with an advisor to see what options are available to you, but it may be recommended for you to take the TSI test.

4. If I got different grades in my Math and English classes during my junior and senior year, does the advisor use the highest grades to place me in a course or use only my senior course grades? Placement would depend on the course(s) taken and the grade(s) received, not when the course was taken.

5. My high school grades are imported as numeric grades, how are the grades translated? Apply numeric grades to a 10-point grade scale. (90 – 100 = A; 80 – 89 = B; 70 – 79 = C; 60 – 69 = D; 0 – 59 = F). Note: Completed course grades are required for placement. You cannot be placed into LSC courses based upon a ½ semester grade, so you need to make sure you send in a transcript that has fall and spring grades on it.
6. **What if I didn’t go to a Texas public high school, can I still use my high school transcripts instead of taking the TSI test?** Lone Star College will automatically evaluate transcripts from Texas public high schools so if you attend a Texas public high school your transcript will be evaluated. Students with out of state, private school, or home school transcripts will not be evaluated automatically but you can talk with an advisor and they can help to see if you can use your transcripts for placement.

7. **If my high school transcript has not been evaluated in MyLoneStar can an advisor evaluate my high school transcript and use it for placement?** Yes, you can share a copy of your unofficial high school transcript with an advisor and they will advise you on LSC placement options. You will still need to turn in your official transcripts before the end of the upcoming semester.

8. **If I am having difficulty obtaining my official high school or college transcripts due to closures related to COVID-19 can I turn in unofficial transcripts to the registrar office?** No, you must still request official transcripts from your high school or previous college to be sent into the registrar. While unofficial transcripts can be used to help you with course placement and registration, you will still need to turn in official transcripts before the end of the upcoming semester.

9. **I am a Dual Credit student and have not taken all sections the TSI test. Can I use my high school transcript as a first time in college student for placement?** Yes, your high school transcript can be used in the same way as other first time in college students. An advisor can help to place you in LSC courses using high school transcripts based on the Dual Credit Alternative Placement Chart.

10. **If I have taken the SAT or ACT which places me in College Algebra, but I have passed a higher-level high school math class what method of placement is used, or do I take the Accuplacer Math for placement into higher level math courses?** Advisors can use your high school transcript to place you into a higher-level math course. The SAT or ACT score will complete your TSI milestone and make you college ready. Your HS transcript can then be used to place you into a higher-level math.