Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Exemptions

You are exempt from all TSI requirements under any one of the following conditions:

- Graduated college with an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Have earned a C or higher in a college-level course in Reading, Writing, or Math at an accredited institution, as determined by transcript review
- Previously attended any public Texas institution, and the transcript indicates a TSI status that has been determined to have met readiness standards by that institution.
  - For students meeting non-Algebra intensive readiness standards in mathematics CTC requires additional preparatory coursework/interventions for Algebra intensive courses, including MATH 1314/1324/1414.
- On or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired or released from active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard or served as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States
- A student who has earned the Texas First Diploma under the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter D related to the Texas First Early High School Completion Program.
- Approved assessment, scores valid for 5 years, with the minimum score needed for TSI exemption (see table listed below).

TEST	READING & WRITING EXEMPTION	MATH EXEMPTION
SAT (March 2016 and later)	$\geq$ 480 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	$\geq$ 530 Math
ACT (prior to 02/15/23)	$\geq$ 23 Composite with $\geq$ 19 English	$\geq$ 23 Composite with $\geq$ 19 Math
ACT (on or after 02/15/23) (CTC will not accept ACT Superscore for TSI purposed)	Combined Score of 40 English and Reading	$\geq$ 23 22 Math
STAAR	4000 on the English III (EOC)	4000 on the Algebra II (E0C)
GED	$\geq$ 165 Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA)	$\geq$ 165 Mathematical Reasoning

With an exemption in Reading, Writing, and Math a student qualifies for the following entry-level college courses: ENGL 1301, MATH 1314/1414/1324/1332/1342, and BIOL 1406. If you have an exemption and are having trouble registering for these courses, please email registration.help@ctcd.edu.