



HOWARD COLLEGE

TSI Minimum Passing Standards

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) has been established in accordance with the Texas Education Code to assess students' college-level skills in reading, writing, and math. The following are a listing of state approved assessment tests and the minimum passing standards.

THEA	Reading: 230 Math: 230 Writing: 220
ACCUPLACER	Reading: 78 Math: 80 Writing: Sentence Skills - 80 Essay - 6 <i>If a score of 6 is made on the Essay, the Sentence Skills is not needed to meet the standard. If a score of 5 is made on the Essay, the minimum Sentence Skills score must be made to meet the standard.</i>
TAKS <i>Scores are valid for 3 years from test date</i>	Reading (ELA): 2200 with Essay - 3 Math: 2200 Writing: Reading (ELA) - 2200 with Essay - 3 <i>Scores from the 10th or 11th grade level TAKS testing</i>
ACT <i>Scores are valid for 5 years from test date</i>	Composite: 23 Math: 19 English: 19 <i>If the Composite score has been met with the minimum score of the Math or English section, then a student will be exempt for the corresponding section passed.</i>
SAT <i>Scores are valid for 5 years from test date</i>	Combined Score: 1070 Math: 500 Verbal: 500 <i>If the Combined score has been met with the minimum score of the Math or Verbal section, then a student will be exempt for the corresponding section passed.</i>
COMPASS	Reading: 81 Math: 39 Writing: Objective - 59 Essay - 6 <i>If a score of 6 is made on the Essay, the Objective is not needed to meet the standard. If a score of 5 is made on the Essay, the minimum Objective score must be made to meet the standard.</i>
ASSET	Reading: 41 Math: 38 Writing: Objective - 40 Essay - 6 <i>If a score of 6 is made on the Essay, the Objective is not needed to meet the standard. If a score of 5 is made on the Essay, the minimum Objective score must be made to meet the standard.</i>