

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)

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Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

- Texas Education Code §51.3062
- The law requires all entering college students to be assessed for college readiness in reading, mathematics and writing unless the student qualifies for an exemption
- Unless exempt, students who are entering a Texas college or university must take a TSI exam and receive a passing score in order to enroll in credit bearing courses

New TSI Assessment (TSIA)

- Designed by the College Board
- Aligns with CCRS
- Begin using institution's first class day AY 2013
- Only authorized assessment
- Unlimited time to complete assessment
- No retesting restrictions
- [TSI Web-Based Study App](#) – Texas Version - \$4.50 unlimited use

New TSI Assessment

- Used to determine placement into:
 - ▣ College level
 - ▣ Developmental (Grades 9 – 12)
 - ▣ Adult Basic Education (ABE) levels (Grades 1 – 8.9)
- Top & bottom cut scores – **ABE cut score new**
 - ▣ Institutions cannot change cut scores – Set by THECB
 - ▣ 1-year waiver for placement into ABE

Current Cut Scores

- 1st class day of fall 2013
 - Mathematics 350+
 - Reading 351+
 - Writing an essay score of 5 or essay score of 4 with M/C writing standard of 363+

- ABE Cut Scores
 - Mathematics ≤ 336
 - Reading ≤ 342
 - Writing ≤ 350

TSI Phase-in Period

- Phase I – 1st class day of fall 2013 (Reading 351+; Mathematics 350+)
- Phase II – 1st class day of fall 2017 (Reading 355+; Mathematics 356+)
- Final Phase – 1st class day of fall 2019 (Reading 359+; Mathematics 369+)
- Writing an essay score of 5 or essay score of 4 with M/C writing standard of 363+
- ABE Cut Scores – Do not change

Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA)

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 1. Importance of the assessment on academic career
 2. Assessment process and components-must include practice questions with feedback from all areas
 3. Developmental Education options
 4. Institutional/community resources

Temple College PAA

- Temple College

- PAA is available online

- Video (8:50), PDFs, PowerPoint, & Test Taking Strategies

- Getting Started → Testing → TSI Assessment

- [\(http://www.templejc.edu/SES/Testing/TSI-Assessment.aspx\)](http://www.templejc.edu/SES/Testing/TSI-Assessment.aspx)

TSI Exemptions/Waivers

- THECB Rule §4.54
- Examples: ACT, SAT, TAKS, STAAR EOC, Military, Transfer, Level I Certificates
 - ▣ Level I Certificates - TSI Waived – Potential opportunity for learners not college ready
- Exemption Changes:
 - Minimum score at Level 2 on STAAR EOC for English III (reading and writing) and Algebra II – 5 Years
 - Exit TAKS scores are valid for 5 years

Level I Certificate

- A technical program designed for entry-level employment or for upgrading skills and knowledge within an occupation
- Certificate programs serve as building blocks and exit points for AAS degree programs
- 15-42 semester credit hours (SCH)
- completed in one calendar year or less
- Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Waived
- 2010 GIPWE (Guide for Instructional Programs in Workforce Education)

Marketable Skills Award

- Sequence of credit courses totaling 9 to 14 SCH or a workforce continuing education program of 144 to 359 contact hours
- Must fulfill one of two requirements:
 - ▣ The program was recommended by an external workforce advisory committee, or
 - ▣ It appears on the Local Workforce Development Board's Demand Occupations list
- TSI Waived

TC DE Mathematics - Draft

Mathematics	
Score Range	Course
310-336	MATH 0310
337-343	MATH 0330 or MATH 0435
344-349	MATH 0350
350+	College-Level

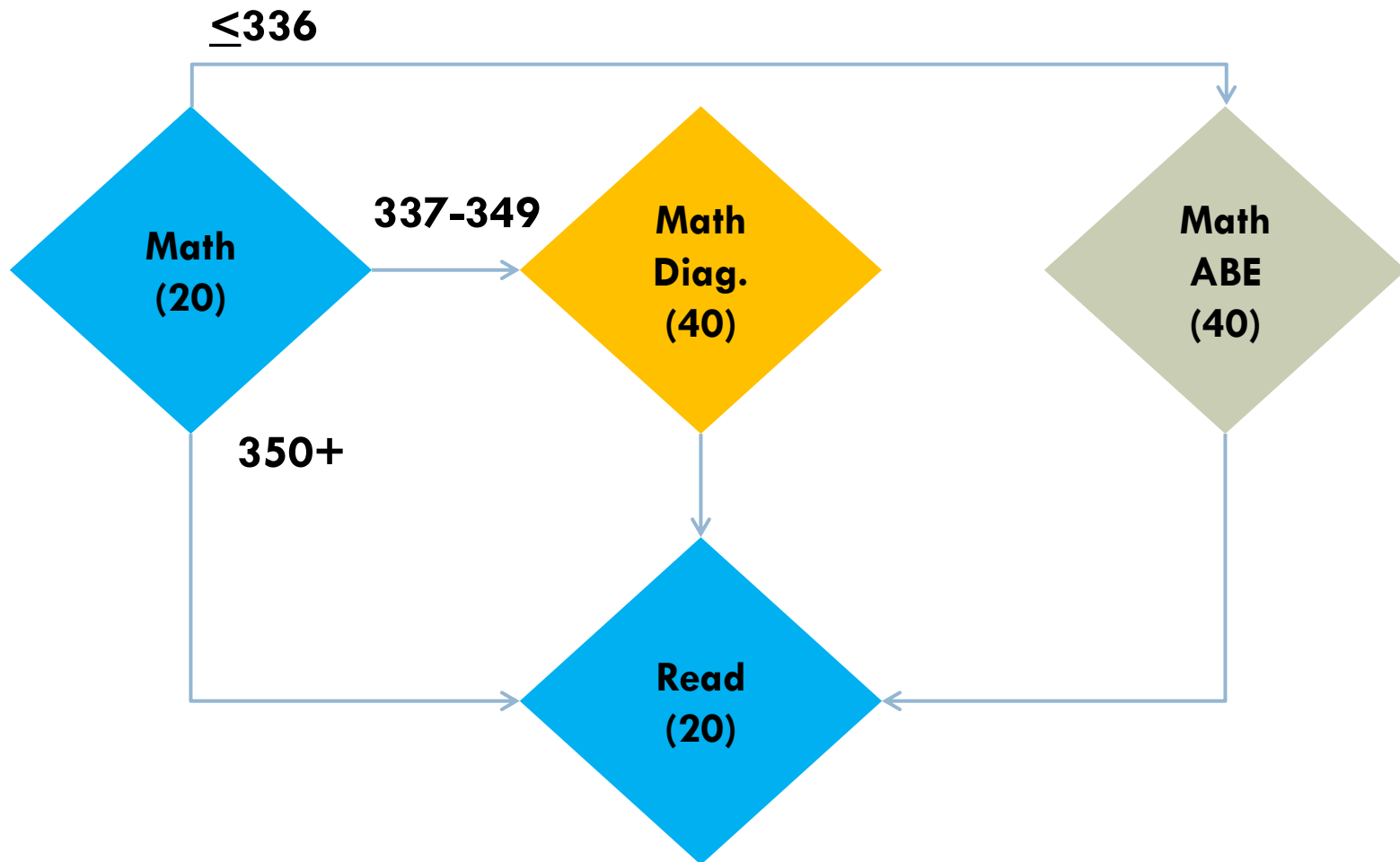
TC DE Reading - Draft

Reading Comprehension	
Score Range	Course
310-342	READ 0301/INRW 0301
343-350	READ 0302/INRW 0302
351+	College-Level

TC DE Writing - Draft

Writing	
Score Range	Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 310-350 multiple choice	ENGL 0301/INRW 0301
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 351-362 multiple choice or• 363-390 multiple choice <u>&</u> essay <4	ENGL 0302/INRW 0302
Essay 5 or 363+ multiple choice <u>&</u> essay 4	College-Level

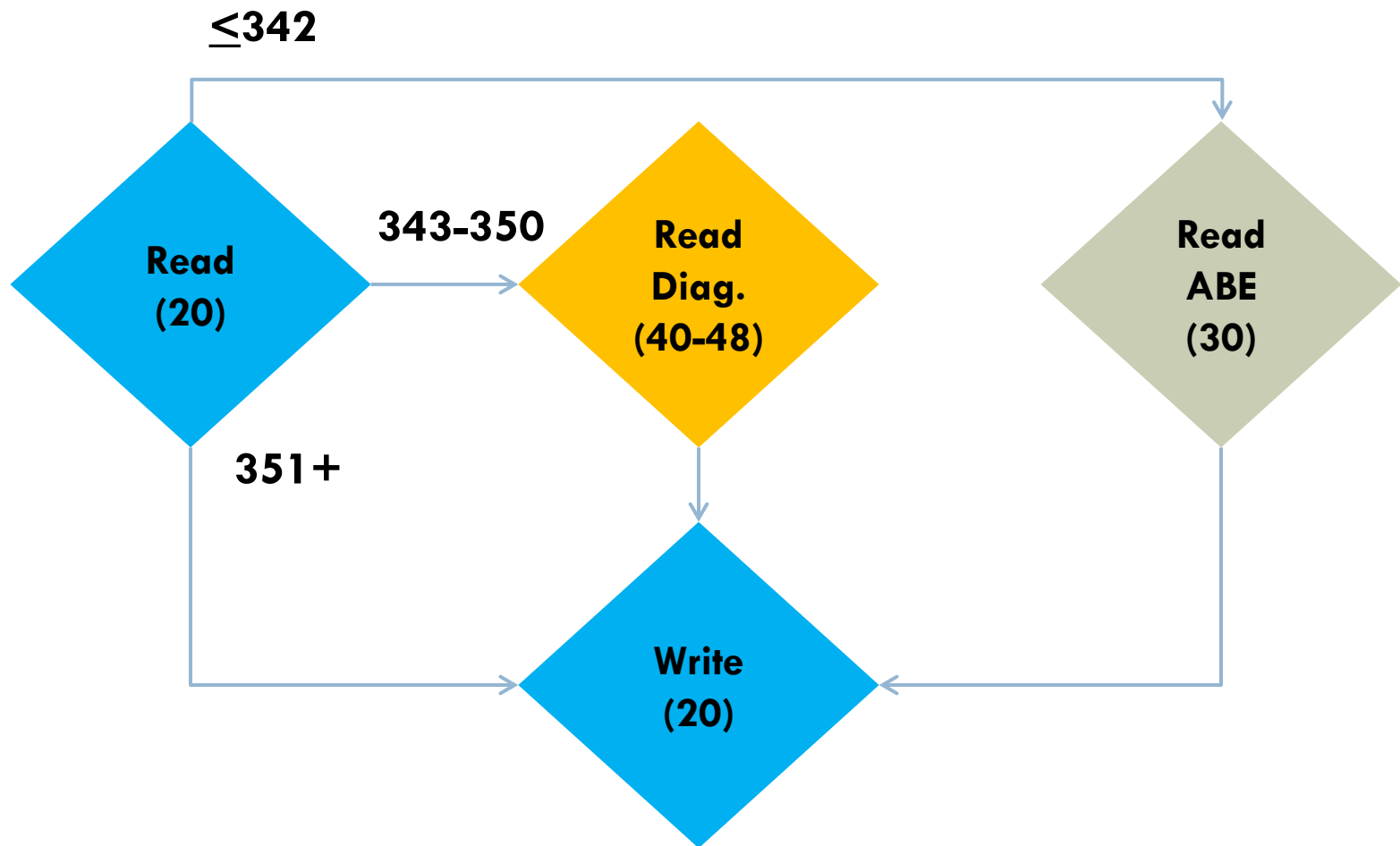
Math Flow Chart



Math TSI

- Approximately 20 items on the mathematics placement test
 - ▣ Elementary Algebra and Functions
 - ▣ Intermediate Algebra and Functions
 - ▣ Geometry and Measurement
 - ▣ Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability
- 40 items for the mathematics diagnostic test
 - ▣ Same topics as above

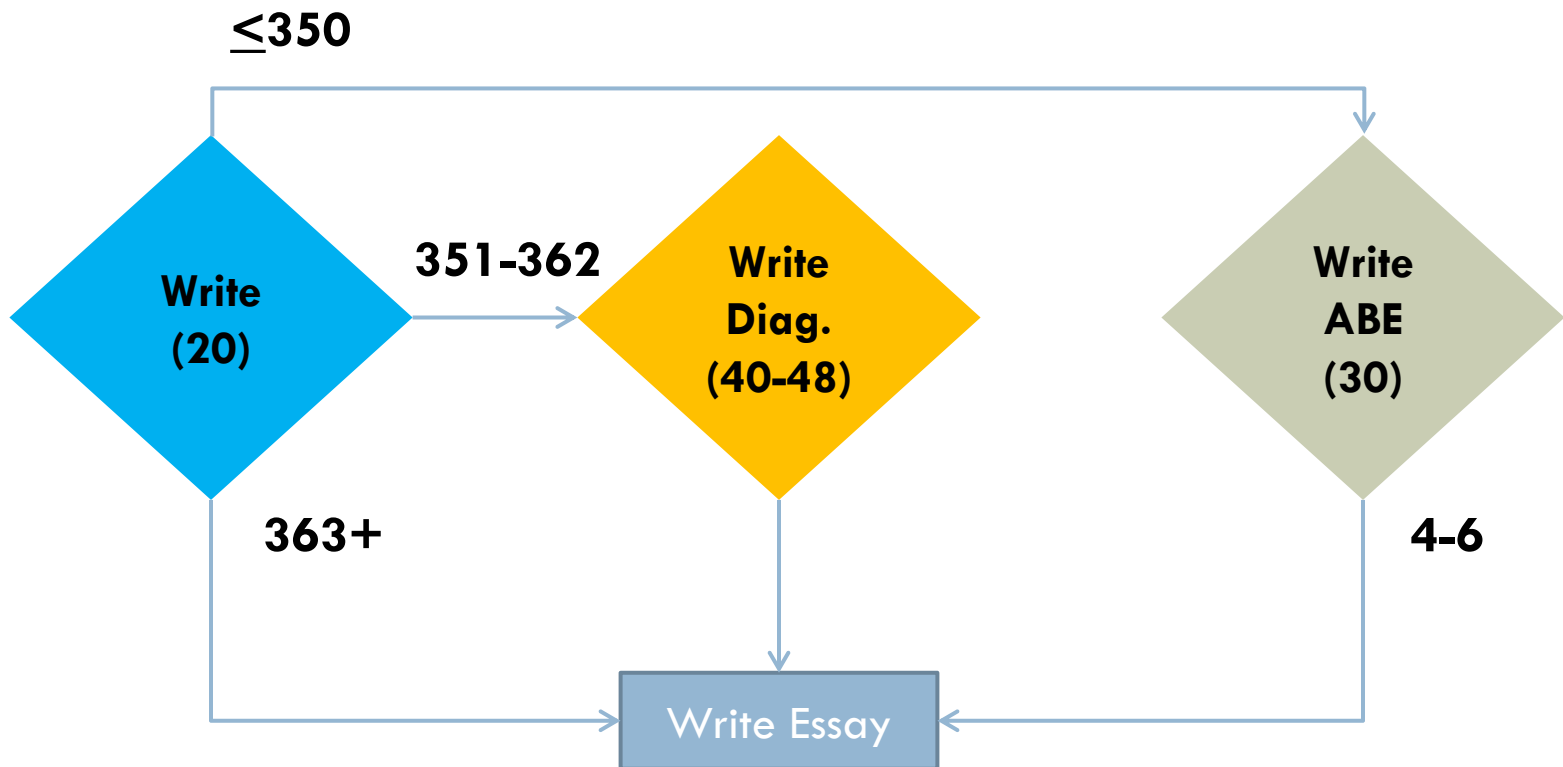
Reading Flow Chart



Reading TSI

- Approximately 20 items on the reading placement test
 - ▣ Literary Analysis
 - ▣ Main Idea and Supporting Details
 - ▣ Inferences in a Text or Texts
 - ▣ Author's Use of Language
- Approximately 40-48 items on the reading diagnostic test
 - ▣ Same topics as above

Writing Flow Chart



Writing TSI

- Approximately 20 items on the writing placement test
 - Essay Revision
 - Agreement
 - Sentence Structure
 - Sentence Logic
- Approximately 40 – 48 items on the writing diagnostic test
 - Same topics as above

Writing TSI - Essay

- Electronically graded by WritePlacer[®]
- Score 1 - 8
- If a composition (400 to 600 words) is required, students will be asked to demonstrate:
 - ▣ Clear focus
 - ▣ Logical development of ideas in well-organized paragraphs
 - ▣ The use of appropriate language that advances your purpose for writing