

# PREPARING FOR THE TSI ASSESSMENT

## ABOUT THE TSI

- TSI is comprised of reading, writing, essay, and math questions
- With the exception of the essay, the test can be paused and finished later (within 14-calendar days)
- TSI is self-paced (untimed), but can take between 4-6 hours depending on the sections you take
- You can choose what section you take first: reading, writing, or math
- 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

- [www.LoneStar.edu/test-preparation](http://www.LoneStar.edu/test-preparation) – FREE TSI Web-based study app and sample questions
- [www.LoneStar.edu/19081](http://www.LoneStar.edu/19081) – FREE Math and English prep sessions
- [www.mometrix.com/academy/tsi-test/](http://www.mometrix.com/academy/tsi-test/) – FREE 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
- ✓ When writing the essay use “Enter” to go to the next line, and “Space bar” to indent paragraphs
- ✓ Complete the Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA)
- ✓ Get a pink testing ticket from a counselor or advisor

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

- Click outside the test screen (to use Microsoft Word or Internet). 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 to finish it before you leave
- Close your exam without printing your results