

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

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Sul Ross State University (SRSU) participates fully and without reservation in the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) and maintains a developmental-education program to fulfill the requirements of that initiative. The TSI was mandated by the 78th Texas Legislature and instituted by the rules of the Texas Higher Education Board, Chapter 5 sections 51 through 60 and the 79th Texas Legislature, Chapter 907 section 51.3062.

This law requires all entering college students to be assessed for college readiness in reading, mathematics, and writing unless the student qualifies for an exemption. The Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) is the state-approved placement assessment as of August 27, 2013. The TSIA is designed to determine if a student is ready for college-level coursework in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics or if the student needs developmental-education courses to achieve college readiness.

Under the rules of the TSI, all students enrolling in SRSU as their initial enrollment in a Texas institution of higher education must undergo an initial educational assessment before the first day of classes of the first semester of enrollment; a student who can provide other evidence of college readiness will not require an assessment. The assessment results will be used to provide evidence of college readiness or identify deficiencies in reading, writing, and mathematics. Students not meeting minimum requirements on an assessment instrument will be required to meet with a TSI advisor and establish an Individual Developmental Education Plan (IDEP).

Students who transfer from an in-state, public institution must make their scores from the initial assessment, as well as transcripts, available to personnel from SRSU for purposes of evaluating compliance with TSI rules and regulations at SRSU. SRSU will not require a student to participate in developmental education if a student provides evidence of completion of the transferring institution's TSI requirements.

Students who transfer from out-of-state institutions or from in-state private institutions will be required to provide transcripts from the transferring institution so the students' status regarding TSI requirements can be evaluated.

All initial advisement for purposes of compliance with TSI will be done by a TSI advisor. TSI advisors are designated by the director of the Academic Center for Excellence.

Complete information about the current standards and procedures for the testing and placement of students in compliance with the TSI may be found [here](#).