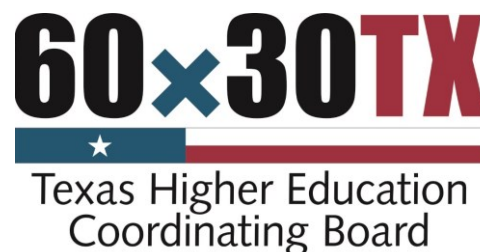


# Texas Success Initiative Assessment, 2.0 (TSIA2) Standalone Retest Options for ELAR Tests (CRC and Essay) utilizing TSIA2 and TSIA (former version) Scores



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## Background

In an effort to reduce the testing burden on students and increase opportunities to demonstrate college readiness (CR), the following guidance should be used to determine standalone retest options for the Texas Success Initiative, Version 2.0 (TSIA2) English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) College Readiness Classification Test (CRC) and Essay. The options provided, as applicable, are for students who:

- met the benchmark for only one component (*College Readiness Classification Test (CRC)* (multiple choice) or *Essay*) of the TSIA2 ELAR benchmark or
- met the TSIA Reading benchmark and only one component (*Placement Test* (multiple choice) or *Essay*) of the TSIA Writing benchmark prior to January 11, 2021.

## Use of Essay Scores in Determining College Readiness

There were no changes to the design of the Essay component from the TSIA to the TSIA2. Thus, Essay scores may be used interchangeably to meet the respective CR benchmark as follow:

- A TSIA2 Essay score may be paired with a TSIA Writing Placement Test (*former version*) score (340 or higher; *TSIA2 Essay Score*  $\geq 4$ ) or ABE Writing Diagnostic score (4 – 6; *TSIA2 Essay Score*  $\geq 5$ ) to meet the TSIA Writing benchmark.
- *Only a TSIA Essay score of 5* may be paired with a TSIA2 ELAR CRC score to meet the TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.

Eligible students may be administered the appropriate standalone TSIA2 ELAR Branching Profile when retesting (Essay Only or ELAR CRC Only).

## Retest Scenarios: *Essay Only*

*Students who did not meet TSIA Reading benchmark prior to January 11, 2021 are not eligible for the Essay Only retest options.*

### **Scenario 1: TSIA2 Scores (All conditions must be met)**

- A. Student received a score on TSIA2 ELAR CRC 945 – 990 AND
- B. Student received a score on TSIA2 Essay 1 – 4

SOLUTION: Student may retake TSIA2 Essay ONLY, requires an Essay score of 5 – 8 to meet TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.

### **Scenario 2: TSIA2 Scores (All conditions must be met)**

- A. Student received a score on TSIA2 ELAR CRC 910 – 944 AND
- B. Student received a *TSIA2 ELAR Diagnostic Level 5 – 6* AND
- C. Student received a score on TSIA2 Essay 1 – 4

SOLUTION: Student may retake TSIA2 Essay ONLY, requires an Essay score of 5 – 8 to meet TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.

**Scenario 3: TSIA Scores (former version) (All conditions must be met)**

- A. Student received score on TSIA Reading 351 – 390 (TSI Met in Reading) AND
- B. Student received a score on TSIA Writing 340 – 390 AND
- C. Student received a score on TSIA Essay 1 – 3

SOLUTION: Student may retake TSIA2 Essay ONLY; requires an Essay score of 4 - 8 to meet TSIA Writing benchmark.

**Scenario 4: TSIA Scores (former version) (All conditions must be met)**

- A. Student received a score on TSIA Reading 351 – 390 (TSI Met in Reading) AND
- B. Student received a score on TSIA Writing 310 – 339 AND  
Student received a score on *TSIA Writing ABE Diagnostic 4 – 6* AND
- C. Student received a score on TSIA Essay 1 – 4

SOLUTION: Student may retake TSIA2 Essay ONLY; requires an Essay score of 5 – 8 to meet TSIA Writing benchmark.

## Retest Scenarios: *TSIA2 ELAR CRC Only*

**Scenario 1: TSIA2 Scores (All conditions must be met)**

- A. Student received a score on TSIA2 ELAR CRC 910 – 944 AND
- B. Student received a *TSIA2 ELAR Diagnostic Level 4* AND
- C. Student received a score on TSIA2 Essay 5 – 8

SOLUTION: Student may retake TSIA2 ELAR CRC ONLY, requires a TSIA2 ELAR score of 945 - 990 or Diagnostic Level 5 – 6 to meet TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.

**Scenario 2: TSIA Scores (former version) (All conditions must be met)**

- A. Student did not meet TSIA Reading and/or TSIA Writing benchmark AND
- B. Student received a score on TSIA Essay 5 – 8

SOLUTION: Student may retake TSIA2 ELAR CRC ONLY, requires a TSIA2 ELAR score of 945 - 990 or Diagnostic Level 5 – 6 to meet TSIA2 ELAR benchmark.

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