

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

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Sul Ross State University participates fully and without reservation in the **Texas Success Initiative (TSI)** and maintains a developmental education program in order to fulfill the requirements of that initiative. The Texas Success Initiative was mandated by the 78th Texas Legislature and instituted by the rules of the Texas Higher Education Board, Chapter 5 section 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 course work in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics or if the student needs developmental education courses in order to achieve college readiness.

Under the rules of the **TSI**, all students enrolling in Sul Ross State University (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 results of the assessment will be used to provide evidence of college readiness or identify deficiencies in reading, writing, and/or 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 in regard to 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 (ACE).

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