

Success Initiative Exemptions

Students are exempt from taking a state assessment test if any one of the following conditions applies. Official documentation must be provided to Blinn College for the exemption to be accepted. Blinn College may also require a placement test be taken by the student for certain exemptions. Please refer to the Admissions Requirements section.

1. For a period of five (5) years from the date of testing, a student who is tested and performs at or above the following standards:
 - a. American College Test (ACT): minimum composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on both the English and mathematics tests (scores must be from the same test date);
 - b. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT): a combined minimum verbal and math score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on both the verbal and the mathematics tests (scores must be from the same test date);
2. For those students who have taken the ACT or SAT test, a partial exemption may be granted if a student meets the composite score requirement, but does not meet both of the individual exemption score requirements.
 - a. ACT Test: If a student has a minimum composite score of 23 and has a score of at least considered exempt on the section in which a 19 or higher was scored.
 - b. SAT Test: If a student has a minimum composite score of 1070 and has a score of at least 500 on either the verbal or the mathematics test but not both, the student will be considered exempt on the section in which a 500 or higher was scored.
3. Students who have Texas Success Initiative exemptions with TAKS scores will be placed in courses based on the following charts. Writing essay scores must come from an official label or letter from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) until these scores are placed on the high school transcript:

MATH	
Minimum Math TAKS Score	Math Course Placement
2200	MATH 0312
2400	MATH 1314

WRITING	
Minimum Writing Essay TAKS Score	Writing Course Placement
2200 with an Essay of 3	ENGL 1301

READING	
Minimum Reading/ Language Arts TAKS Score	Writing Course Placement
2200 with an Essay of 3	Any Reading Course
4. For a period of three (3) years from the date of testing, a student who is tested and performs on the exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) with a minimum scale score of 1770 on the writing test, a Texas Learning Index (TLI) of 86 on the mathematics test and 89 on the reading test (scores must be from the same test date).
5. A student who has graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from a Texas public institution of higher education.
6. A student who transfers to Blinn College from a private or independent institution of higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution of higher education and have taken courses corresponding to the Success Initiative requirements and earned a grade of “C” or higher in each of the three skill areas. These courses must have common course numbers corresponding to courses transferring into Blinn College. If the student has not earned a grade of “C” or higher in each of the skill areas, the student must be tested for the remaining skill area(s) and comply with all other Success Initiative requirements.
7. A student who has previously attended another institution of higher education and has been determined to have met readiness standards by that institution.
8. A student who has enrolled in a certificate program of one year or less (Level-One certificates, 42 or fewer semester credit hours or the equivalent) at a public junior college, a public technical institution, or a public state college. Blinn College also requires the THEA or QT as a placement test for all certificate students.
9. A student who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Texas National Guard, or as a member of a reserve component of the United States and has been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment. (A copy of your military ID card must be submitted to the admissions office.)
10. A student who on or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active military duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard or service as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.

Exemptions will not be granted until documentation is provided in the form of official transcripts sent directly to Blinn College or a score report is sent directly from the testing agency to Blinn College.