

TSI Success for All: Implementing a Support System for Student Success!

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About PSJA Thomas Jefferson T-STEM ECHS

MISSION

The staff of PSJA Thomas Jefferson T-STEM ECHS shall provide high quality educational opportunities with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics for all students so that they may graduate high school with an Associate Degree or college credits and a clear pathway for further post-secondary education.

VISION

At PSJA Thomas Jefferson T-STEM ECHS, our vision is to produce highly motivated students that have an equal opportunity to earn an Associate Degree and pursue higher education to become independent learners, contributing citizens, and well-rounded leaders.



Quick Facts

ENROLLMENT

9th Grade Students 195

10th Grade Students 151

11th Grade Students 126

12th Grade Students 128

Total students 600



Male: 281

Female: 319

Economically Disadvantaged: 75%

ELL: 11%

Full-time teachers: 37

SPEED DATING

(1 minute)

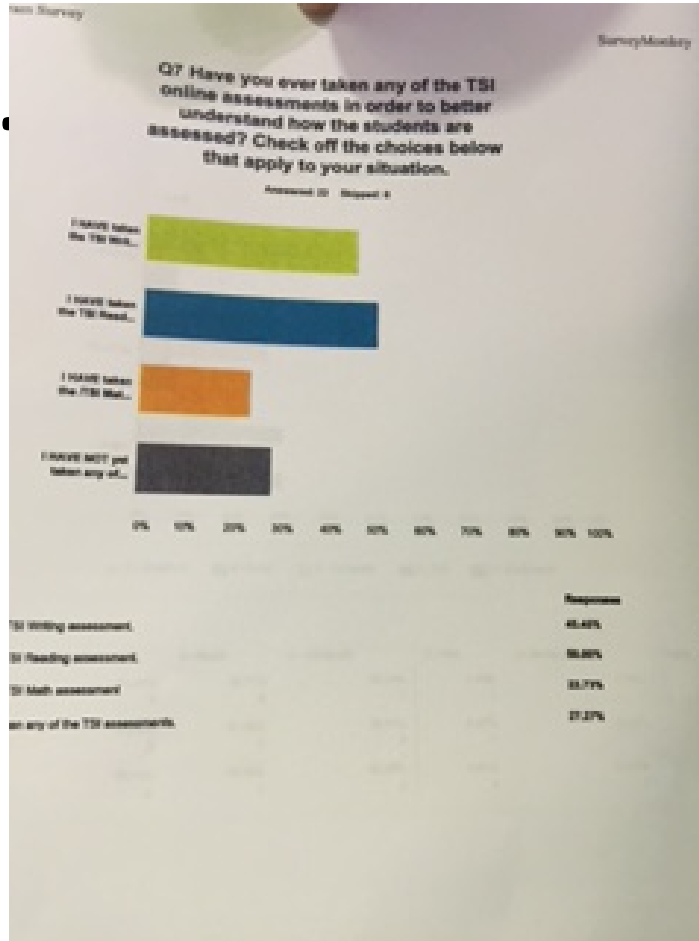
Explain the TSI process at your
school

What is TSI? Why does it Matter?

Texas Success Initiative

- **The TSI Assessment is designed to help institutions determine if a student is ready for college level course work in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics.**
- **All incoming college students in Texas are required to take the TSI test.**

Survey says...



TITAN PROFILE

NAME: _____

Grade Level: 11th Graduation Year: 2017

Credits: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

EOC: ~~Math~~

English I

Algebra

Biology

English II

US History _____

TSI: ~~Why~~

Reading

Math

Writing

PSAT: _____

ACT: _____

SAT: _____

Extra-curricular activities: Honor

Volunteer work: _____

Awards/accomplishments: _____

Associate Degree: Biology Major: _____ Minor: _____

Baccalaureate Degree: _____

In 5 years I will be: In college finishing up to get my degree

In 10 years I will be: Happy married with kids and a great career

Are you connected to Living Tree? Yes

TITAN PROFILE

NAME: _____

Grade Level: 12 Graduation Year: 2016

Credits: _____

Grade Point Average: 3.7

EOC: ~~Math~~

English I

Algebra _____

Biology _____

English II _____

US History _____

TSI: ~~Why~~

Reading

Math _____

Writing _____

PSAT: _____

ACT: _____

SAT: 1300

Extra-curricular activities: _____

Volunteer work: _____

Awards/accomplishments: _____

Associate Degree: Biology Major: _____ Minor: _____

Baccalaureate Degree: _____

In 5 years I will be: will be in the University

In 10 years I will be: working as a pharmacist

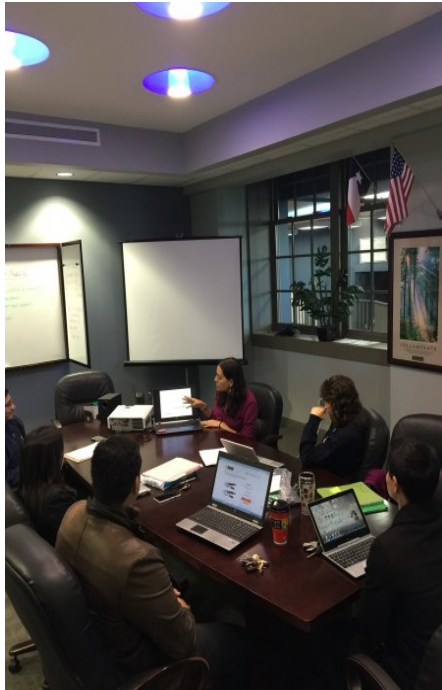
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KNOW—THINK—ACT—GO!

Awareness for All



Student Workshops



Advisory Board



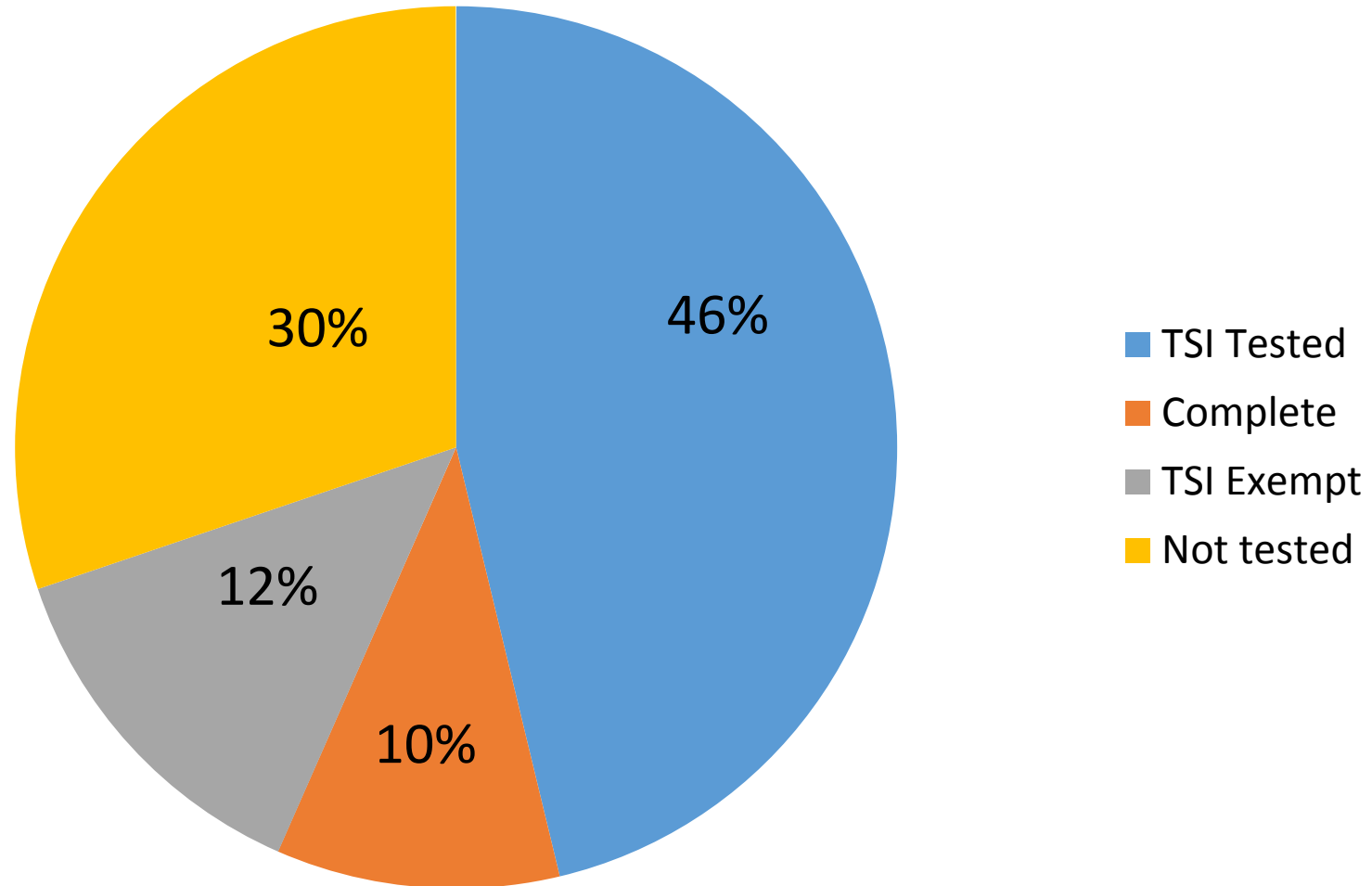
Collaborative Learning Communities (CLC)



Parent Meetings

Data

TSI 9/12/15



TSI Blueprint

TSI Strand	Number of Standards	Number of Questions in Test Pool*	
Reading			
I. Literary Analysis	Texas CCRS II.A.10; II.A.3; II.A.4; II.A.6; II.A.7; II.A.9; II.B.1	7	237 items 29% of item pool
	TEKS (English III) III.2; III.5; III.6; III.7	4	
II. Main Idea and Supporting Details	Texas CCRS II.A.3; II.A.7; II.B.1	3	176 items 22% of item pool
	TEKS (English III) III.9	1	
III. Inferences in a Text or Texts	Texas CCRS II.A.11; II.A.3; II.A.4; II.A.7; II.A.9; II.B.1	6	195 items 24% of item pool
	TEKS (English III) III.9	2	
IV. Author's Use of Language	Texas CCRS II.A.3; II.A.5; II.A.7; II.A.9; II.B.1	5	208 items 25% of item pool
	TEKS (English III) III.1; III.8; III.9; III.10	4	
Reading Total	Texas CCRS	9	816 items
	TEKS (English III)	9	

Systematic

1. Register students on *Apply Texas* during advisory, memorize "A" number



2. Students pick up a TSI ticket from advisor



3. Students attend 3 hours of tutoring within a 1 week period. Tutor must sign ticket.



4. Students sign up for the TSI exam using their "A" number by turning in their ticket to their counselor



5. Students test and review individual score report with advisor

Procedures & Policies

https://studentpsjaisd-my.sharepoint.com/personal/virna_maldonado_psjaisd_us/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx#view=3

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TSI Exam Admissions Ticket

Name: _____ ID#: _____ Gr: _____

TSI Tutoring Log			
SUBJECT	DATE	TIME	Teacher Initials

I completed 3 hours of TSI tutoring. I want to take my exam on Saturday _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Testing Instructions and Policies

Name: _____ ID#: _____ Gr: _____

Follow the instructions and policies below to sign up for a Saturday TSI testing session.

1. Verify your TSI status with your Advisory Teacher (write PASSING scores in the table)

MY TSI STATUS			
TSI READING	TSI MATH	TSI W ESSAY	TSI W SS
Passed _____	Passed _____	Passed _____	Passed _____
Pending <input type="checkbox"/>	Pending <input type="checkbox"/>	Pending <input type="checkbox"/>	Pending <input type="checkbox"/>

2. Determine which PENDING subject you will focus on first and begin attending TSI tutoring for that subject. You must attend tutoring for 3 hours before you can sign up for a test.
3. TSI exams will be held on Saturdays from 8:00 – 12:30 pm. Once you complete 3 hours of tutoring, select a Saturday test date and indicate it on your ticket.
4. Sign and date your ticket and submit to the counseling department by Thursday before your selected testing date. *Only 50 students per Saturday will be tested.*
5. Confirm your test date and location Friday during your lunch period at the cafeteria.



Advisory

Beginning Time: 8:20, 10:05, 1:15, 2:00 Session Time: 45 Minutes Location: Conference Room

Leads: Counseling Department: M. Guillen, C. Lopez, A. Villarreal

AGENDA

I. Advisory Topic – 9/23-9/24: Texas Success Initiative

September 23 (A Day)

1. Present TSI Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWohdozos5o#t=37>

2. Discuss TSI Passing Scores

3. Show students the STC Pre-Assessment Activity

September 24 (B Day)

1. Distribute TSI Testing Ticket

2. Review Testing Instructions and Policies

3. Review Individual TSI Scores based on internal database

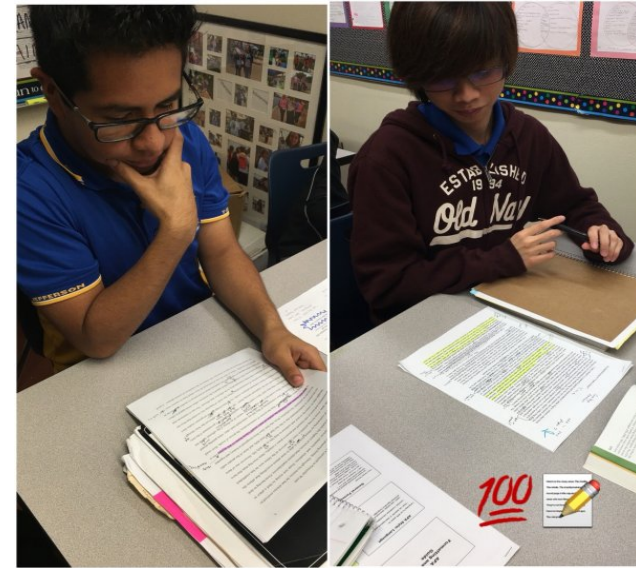
II. TSI Tutoring

- Students must complete 3 hours per subject prior to testing
- Please sign-up to offer TSI Tutoring (preferable M-W before or after school)
- TSI Tutoring Flyers & Announcements will be made, posted, and delivered to begin Monday September 28th.

Texas Success Initiative		
PASSING SCORES		
READING	MATH	WRITING
35¹	35⁰	4/363 OR 5⁺

A little competition...

Math Department vs. English Department

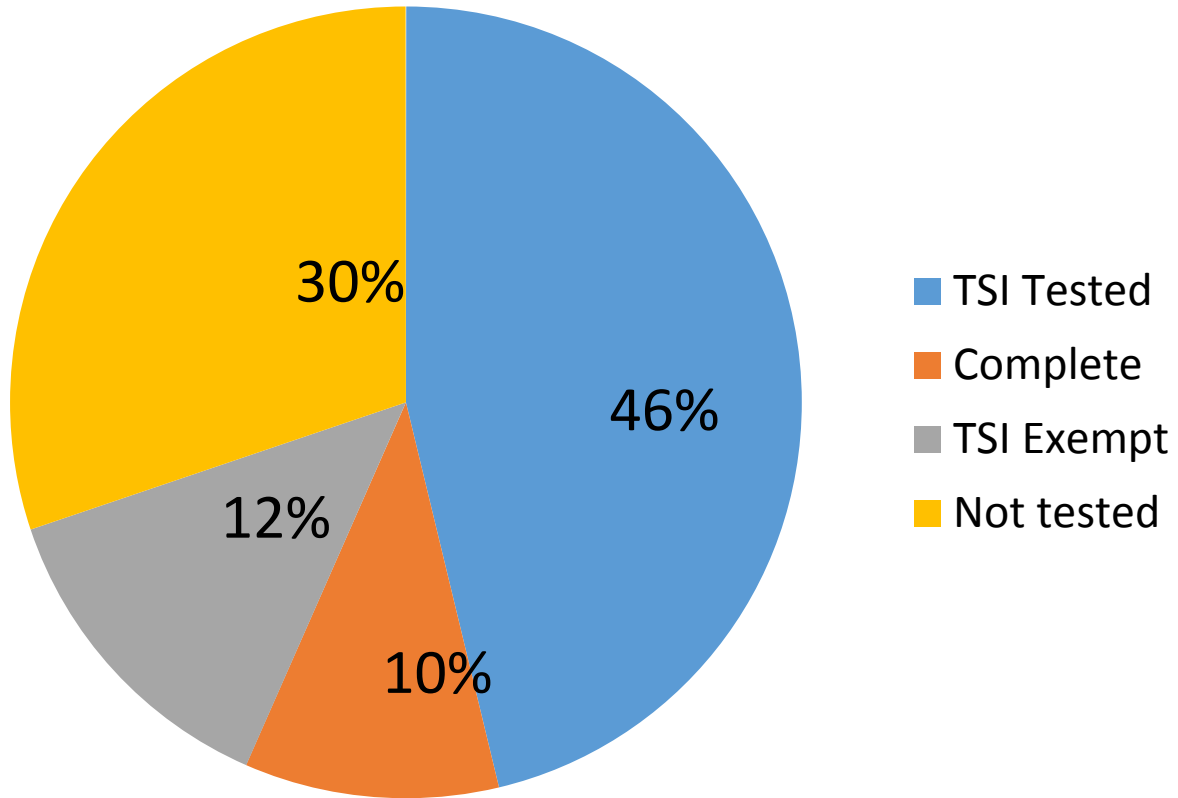


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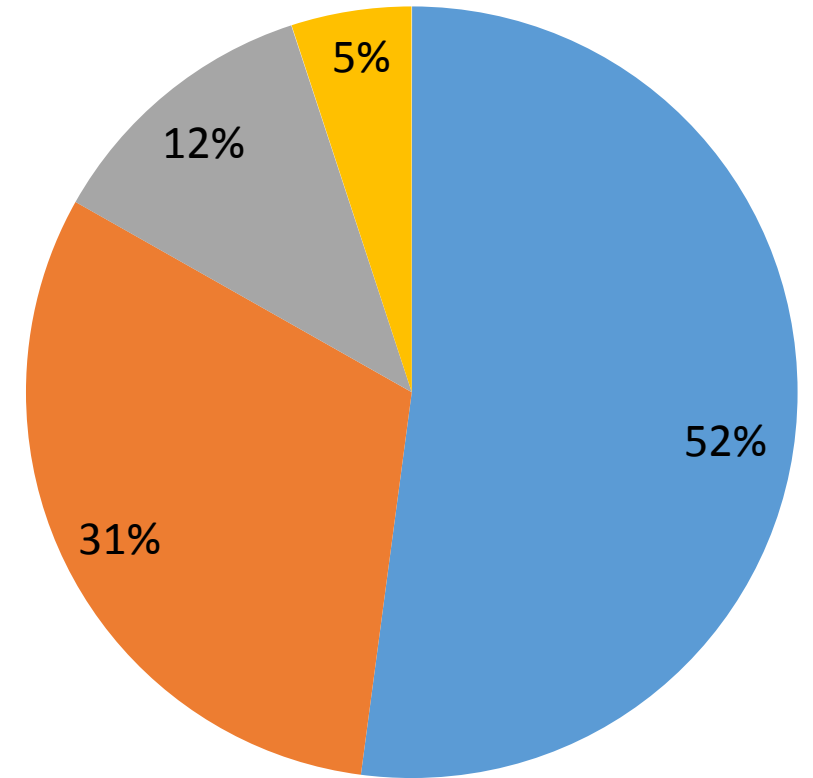
	Reading	Math	Writing
August 2015	229 38%	197 33%	220 37%
December 2015	335 56%	261 44%	304 51%
April 2016	354 59%	386 64%	349 58%

The Impact

TSI 9/12/15



TSI 5/20/2016



District Support

- Monthly Cabinet meetings
- TSI workgroup
- District survey
- District TSI intervention system
- 8th grade TSI class
- [Data Dashboards](#)

Plan of Action

1. Bring awareness to staff & students (what is TSI and why does it matter?)
2. Share data
3. Learn the TSI blueprint
4. Develop process & procedures for testing
5. Develop school wide interventions
6. Select staff to tutor
7. Select a curriculum and train TSI staff
8. Monitor tutoring
9. Schedule TSI parent meetings
10. Seek support from the district
11. Create advisory lessons
12. Create TSI student advocates
13. Update TSI data daily/weekly
14. Determine priority students & recruit them

We wish you TSI Success for ALL!



Find your date.....and Think, Pair, Share!

What is 1 thing you learned today
that you will incorporate in your TSI
action plan?

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