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Office of Accountability, Research, Evaluation, & Testing

Dear Parent,

With students starting the 2020-2021 school year remotely and the abrupt end to the 2019-2020 school year, SAISD is excited to be able to provide both remote and in person assessments.

Assessments and screeners give teachers detailed, actionable information they can use to guide instruction and better support students.

The TSI Assessment (TSIA) is part of the Texas Success Initiative program designed to help determine if students are ready for college-level coursework in the general areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. This program also will help determine what type of course or intervention will best meet their needs to help them become better prepared for college-level coursework if they are not ready. If they are an entering college student in Texas, they are required to take the TSIA—unless they are already exempt—to determine their readiness for college level work.

Based on how students perform, they may either be enrolled in a college-level course that matches their skill level and/or be placed in the appropriate developmental course or intervention to improve their skills and prepare them for success in college-level courses.

This year SAISD will be offering remote and in person assessments for TSI. What this means is your child could take these assessments at home remotely, or on campus with a teacher.

What does remote testing look like?



The student will take the test at home on their school provided device. Students may also use personal devices, if they meet system and security requirements. The teacher will remotely start the assessment and monitor the student using zoom. We ask that parents help their student connect to the device if they are having issues. Once the test starts, we ask that parents to not assist their student with test questions. Since TSI is a secure assessment, students will need a

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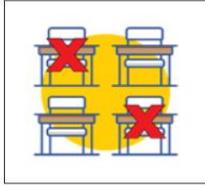
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quiet area with no one else in the room. We will need the best data possible to ensure your student receives the best instruction this year.

What does in person testing on the campus look like?



Seating in classrooms will be modified to ensure **social distancing** to include either 6-foot spacing or physical dividers. See [full plan](#) for sample diagrams of class rooms.

Students will test in a classroom with the teacher in small numbers. Dates of assessment will be scheduled with the parent to ensure social distancing can occur. Temperatures will be taken when students arrive, both students and staff are required to wear masks and to follow the district safety protocols when on campus to ensure everyone's safety.

Each parent/student will be given a choice on what is the best way to test. Students can test remotely from home using their school provided or personal device, or at school with their teacher (or an assigned proctor) with their school provided device. Your student's teacher and school counselor will be providing more information as the school year begins.

We look forward to a new and exciting year with many different opportunities for assessment at SAISD. We are truly excited to focus on your student's individual achievement.