Texas Success Initiative Assessment, 2.0 (TSIA2)
English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) Test Administration
Protocol

Texas Higher Education COORDINATING BOARD

The following is an update to previous guidance on standalone retest options for the TSIA2 ELAR Test. The protocols outlined in this document supersede all previous guidance provided related to ELAR test and retest options.

ELAR Test Protocol (Effective September 9, 2024)

High School Student Initial Testing
TSI Assessment test administrators may administer to high school students only, standalone ELAR test components: 1) CRC and diagnostic test (as applicable), and 2) Essay for **initial** ELAR test administrations. When administering ELAR test components separately, test administrators must be mindful that a determination of college readiness **cannot** be made with scores from just one of the two required components. *In determining college readiness as outlined in [TAC RULE §4.57 (TSIA College Readiness Standards)](), passing scores for both ELAR test components are required.*

Undergraduate Student Initial Testing (No change to previous policy)
For undergraduate students as defined in [TAC RULE §4.53 (23) (Undergraduate Students)](), TSI Assessment test administrators **must** administer both ELAR test components: 1) CRC and diagnostic test (as applicable), and 2) Essay for **initial** ELAR test administrations. Subsequent ELAR test administrations may be administered as standalone tests (CRC Only and diagnostic test (as applicable) or Essay Only) without consideration to scores earned on the initial ELAR test.

Additional Considerations

Retesting. Regarding all ELAR test administrations, if only one component (CRC or diagnostic test, or Essay) is passed during the initial ELAR test administration, subsequent testing is only required for the component that was not passed or administered.

IHEs accepting ELAR test scores. Institutions may accept ELAR standalone test scores from high school students based on current protocols without regard to when the test was taken.

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