



# Bridge Program & Study Skills Curricula

School Year: 2021-2022

**Our Mission:** in ECHS is to empower a diverse body of students to develop and apply their skills in order to pursue knowledge and become productive college students, workers, and citizens.

**TEA Benchmark Design Element:** ECHS shall administer a Texas Success Initiative (TSI) college placement exam to all accepted ECHS students to assess college readiness, design individual instructional support plans, and enable students to begin college courses based on their performance on the exam

## TSI READING

1. Main idea, Implied main idea, and Supporting details
    - a. Used college level textbook for examples and practice exercises
    - b. Used Internet Sources
    - c. Surescore
  2. Inferences in a Text or Texts
    - a. Used college text for examples and practice exercises
    - b. Used internet sources
    - c. Surescore
  3. Purpose, Tone, and Vocabulary
    - a. Used college level textbook for examples and practice exercise
    - b. Used Internet sources
    - c. Surescore
  4. Literary Analysis
    - a. Used college level textbook for examples and practice exercises
    - b. Used Internet source
    - c. Used short video
    - d. Definition of terms
- Conclusion/Practice Test
    - a. TSI materials

## TSI WRITING

Introduced Students to TSI Writing Test sections

Used TSI handout from college board website to explain the two sections: Multiple choice and Essay

Used TSI practice questions and answer explanations from <http://www.tsipracticetest.com/tsi-writing-practice-test/>

Explained to students the subsections of coherence, organization, word choice, rhetorical effectiveness, and evidence from the TSI handout on college board website

Used English Essentials on townsendpress.net for information about Subject/Verb Agreement and Pronoun Agreement

Used TSI practice questions and answer explanations from <http://www.tsipracticetest.com/tsi-writing-practice-test/>

Used English Essentials on townsendpress.net for information Run-ons and Parallelism

Used previous Reading/Writing Resource Center PowerPoint presentations for information about commas, comma splices, fragments, and conjunctions

Used TSI practice questions and answer explanations from <http://www.tsipracticetest.com/tsi-writing-practice-test/>

### Sentence Logic

Used a TED-Ed modifiers video

Used TSI practice questions and answer explanations from <http://www.tsipracticetest.com/tsi-writing-practice-test/>

Used RWRC Transitions handout

Used information from a college level textbook about adjective clauses and adverb clauses

### Essay Portion

Used TSI handout to explain to requirements for the essay Showed students sample essays

from <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/sites/default/files/accuplacer-writeplacer-sample-essays.pdf>

Used two outlining handouts to show students different outlining methods

## TSI MATH

The students began the 2-hr TSIA Review Session by watching the Dallas County College's TSI Pre-Assessment video. After the twenty minute video, the student participated in an online activity that was composed of ten multiple choice sample math problems. These problems were similar to the possible questions that would be asked on the TSI Assessment, except for material that the students were not exposed to in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. After the online activity, the math problems were reviewed and then the structure of the TSI Assessment and its scores were discussed with the students.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT RESOURCES

- Surescore
- Edgenuity Online Courses
- Houston Community College [http://ctle.hccs.edu/gcpass/PREP\\_Home.htm](http://ctle.hccs.edu/gcpass/PREP_Home.htm)
- College Board TSI Web-Based Study App  
[https://store.collegeboard.org/sto/productdetail.do?CSRF=Q15G-06NK-H3VH-JKPR-262F-DIFI-IH7I-M8W\\_V&Itemkey=130095469](https://store.collegeboard.org/sto/productdetail.do?CSRF=Q15G-06NK-H3VH-JKPR-262F-DIFI-IH7I-M8W_V&Itemkey=130095469)
- Lone Star College pdf Math review <http://www.lonestar.edu/departments/fairbanks/>
- Mometrix test prep <https://www.mometrix.com/academy/tsi-test/>
- Test-Guide.com TSI Practice test <http://www.tsipracticetest.com>
- Mathhelp.com <http://www.mathhelp.com/tsi-math-test-prep/>