

College Prep Course

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- Successful completion means the student is cleared to take credit bearing college courses at these institutions (“TSI-exempted”)
- Math: must earn at least a 75 in the course
- English: must earn at least a 75 in the course
- POSSIBILITY: Student may earn HS credit but NOT be deemed college ready (i.e., TSI-exempted)

How does this course count for graduation?

- Counts as “advanced Math” & “advanced English” under the *new* HB5 graduation plan, i.e., counts as 4th year
- Does NOT count as a math or English course under the current Distinguished or Recommended Graduation Plan.
- So...a student on the Distinguished or Recommended plan must have extra room to take these courses as elective credit...,
- or...a student must opt into the new Foundation graduation plan to count these two courses as math and English credit

The Courses

- Math (year long course)
- English (year long course) *Transition to College Integrated Reading and Writing*

Offer it to students who are not college ready, as determined by...TSI Assessment...

- Mathematics: a score ranging from 350 to 390 in the multiple-choice section
- Reading: a score ranging from 351 to 390 in the multiple-choice section
- Writing: a score of 5 in the essay section. You can also place in a college course if you receive a 4 on the essay and a score ranging from 363 to 390 on the multiple-choice section.

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TAC Texas Success Initiative Exemptions that Define College Readiness

- ACT: composite of 23 with minimum of 19 on the English test; 19 on math
- SAT: combined critical reading and math score 1070, with minimum of 500 on critical reading test; 500 on math
- TAKS exit level: 2200 math; 2200 English with 3 on the writing subsection
- STAAR EOC level 2 score in Algebra II and English III

PSAT/ACT Plan

Required for...no one...we presume...

- not yet official, but...
- ... we expect that TEA will clarify that students who have not passed Algebra I, English I/II EOC will NOT be required to take this particular course
- Look for a TEA FAQ on the college prep in which this may be addressed explicitly

What districts should do now: identify students

- Review current data on juniors who may qualify for this course to estimate sections needed
- Offer the courses in your course selection process

What districts should do now: identify teachers

- Teachers do NOT need to meet dual credit requirements
- Identify who will teach these courses:
 - strong Algebra II math teachers and strong English writing instructors who are...
 - skilled at scaffolding and support, and acknowledge that it
 - is NOT a college course
- Communicate training dates to teachers (see handout)
- Note: Training of Trainers is available

What districts should do now: MOU

- Get the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the appropriate authority in your district