

# NORTH MESQUITE HS

## SENIOR CHECKLIST

### TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)

#### **Who Must Take the Test?**

- You must take the THEA or an equivalent test if any one of the conditions listed below applies to you.
- You are entering or are enrolled in a Texas public institution of higher education (i.e., a college, university, or technical institute) as a full- time or part-time student in an associate or baccalaureate degree program.
- You are a full-time or part-time teacher education student in either a public or a private institution in Texas.
- You are entering a certificate program that contains nine (9) or more semester credit hours, or the equivalent, of general education courses as defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

#### **At What Point Must an Exam be Taken?**

- If you have not taken a placement test at the Texas college or university in which you are enrolling as a freshman-level student, you must take the THEA test before accumulating nine (9) or more college-level semester credit hours, or the equivalent.
- If you have taken a placement test at the college or university in which you are enrolling and that institution has elected to use a 15-hour policy, you must take the THEA test before the end of the semester in which you have accumulated fifteen (15) or more college-level semester credit hours. Check with your institution about its policies on placement testing.

#### **Who Is Exempt From Taking an Exam?**

- There are exemptions but each college is responsible for determining what the criteria are. Often this depends on test scores from SAT, ACT or TAKS.

#### **How Do I Enroll?**

- See your counselor for an application booklet or go to [www.thea.nesinc.com](http://www.thea.nesinc.com).
- Also, many community colleges offer the Accuplacer exam free of charge for students who are enrolling in their college.

(VIEW MORE INFO AT [MESQUITEISD.ORG/NMHS/COUNSELING](http://MESQUITEISD.ORG/NMHS/COUNSELING))

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