



# TSIA2 and CLEP Updates: Best Practices



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# Today's Agenda:



**CLEP Overview**



**TSIA2 Overview**



**TSIA2 PAA**

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# CLEP Overview

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# 34 CLEP Exams in five categories

## History and Social Science

- American Government
- History of the United States I
- History of the United States II
- Human Growth and Development
- Introduction to Educational Psychology
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Sciences and History
- Western Civilization I
- Western Civilization II

## Business

- Information Systems
- Principles of Management
- Financial Accounting
- Introductory Business Law
- Principles of Marketing

## Composition and Literature

- American Literature
- Analyzing and Interpreting Literature
- College Composition
- College Composition Modular
- English Literature
- Humanities

## Science and Mathematics

- Calculus
- College Algebra
- Precalculus
- College Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Natural Sciences

## World Languages

- French Language
- German Language
- Spanish Language
- Spanish with Writing

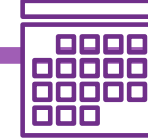
# CLEP Exams



Timed, **computer-based** exams



Students receive **immediate** score results (with exception of essays)



Exams can be offered **whenever** a student is ready; **90** day retest



CLEP is scored on a scale from **20 – 80**. ACE recommends college credit at 50



Over **2900** colleges and universities award credit for CLEP



Cost of a CLEP exam is **\$93**

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# CLEP in Practice

# CLEP in Practice: College & Universities

## Identifying CLEP test takers

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### Adults returning to college

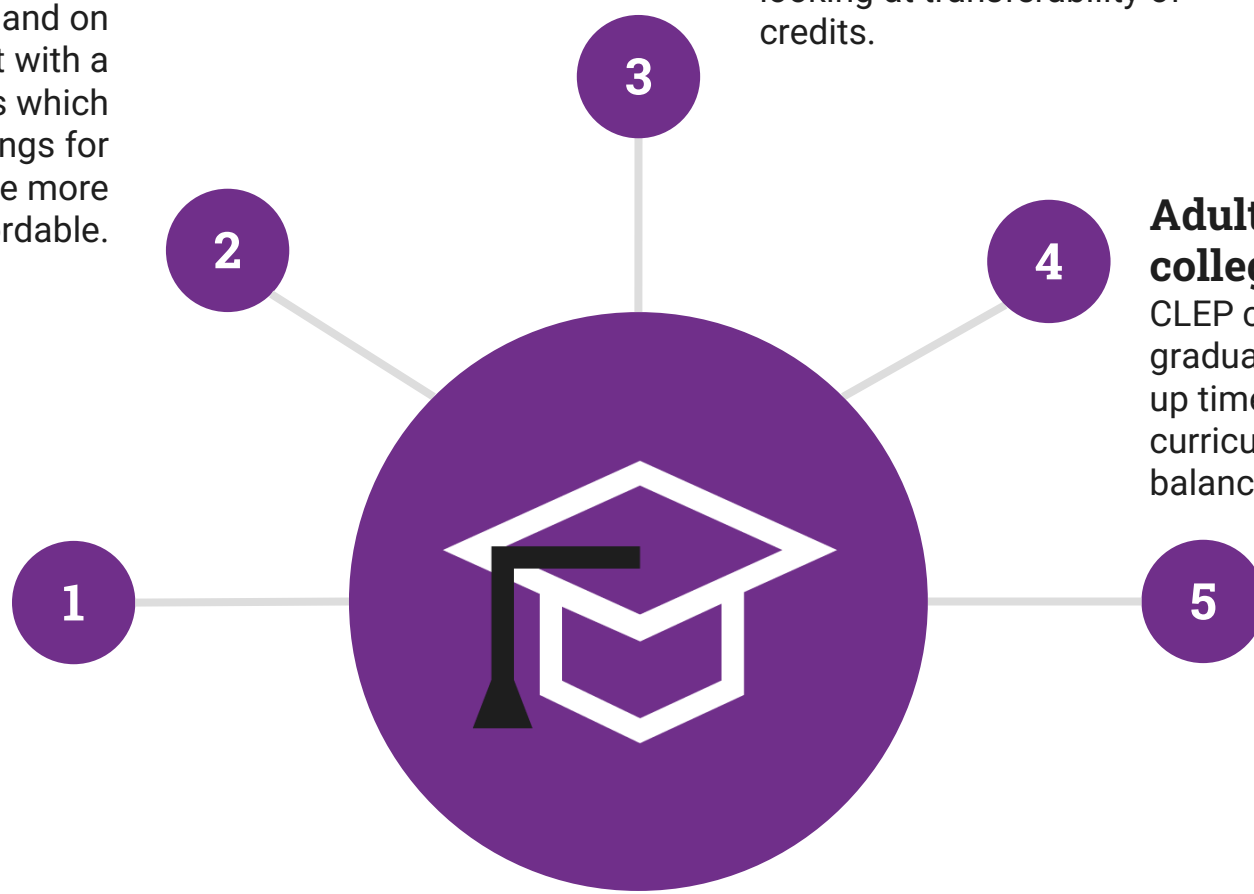
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### Scholarship opportunity

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### On time graduation

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# CLEP in Practice: High School

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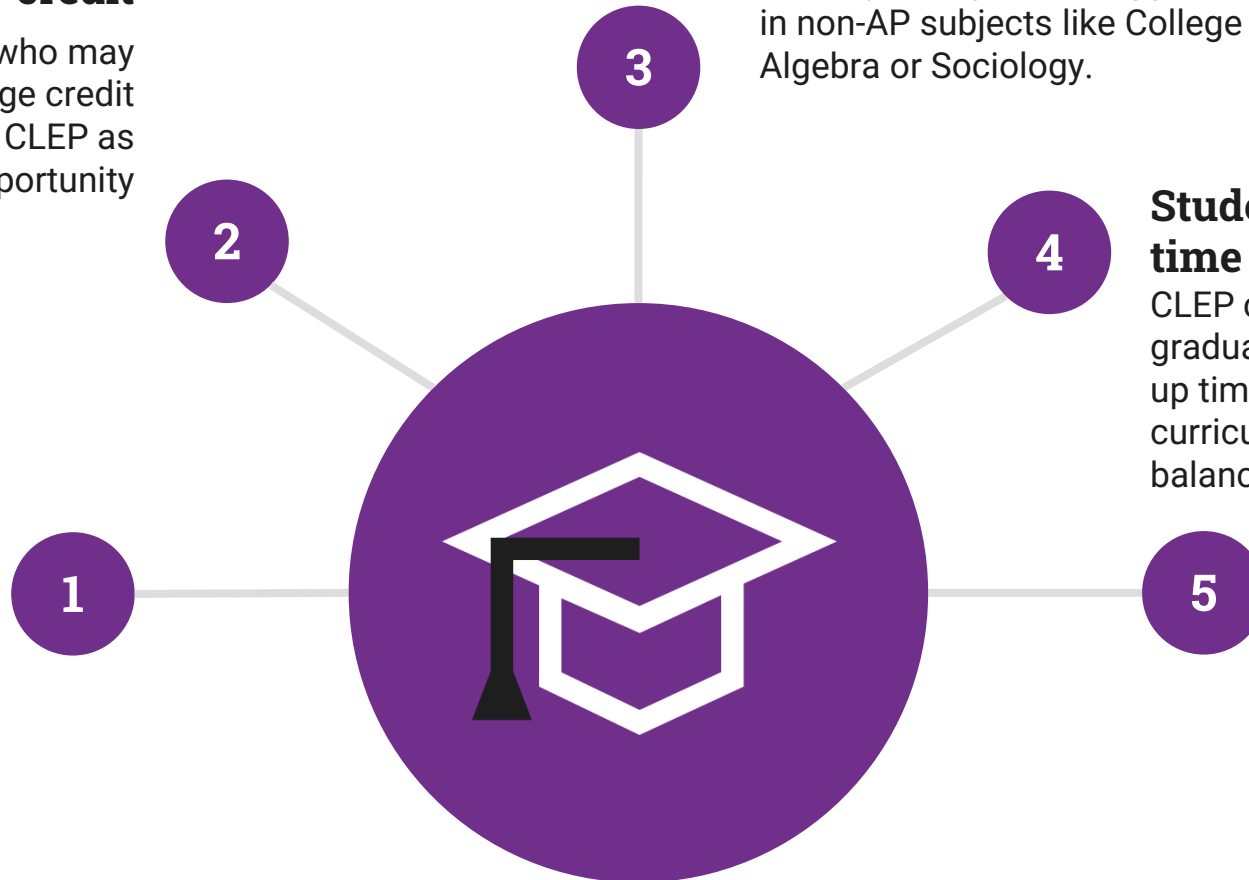
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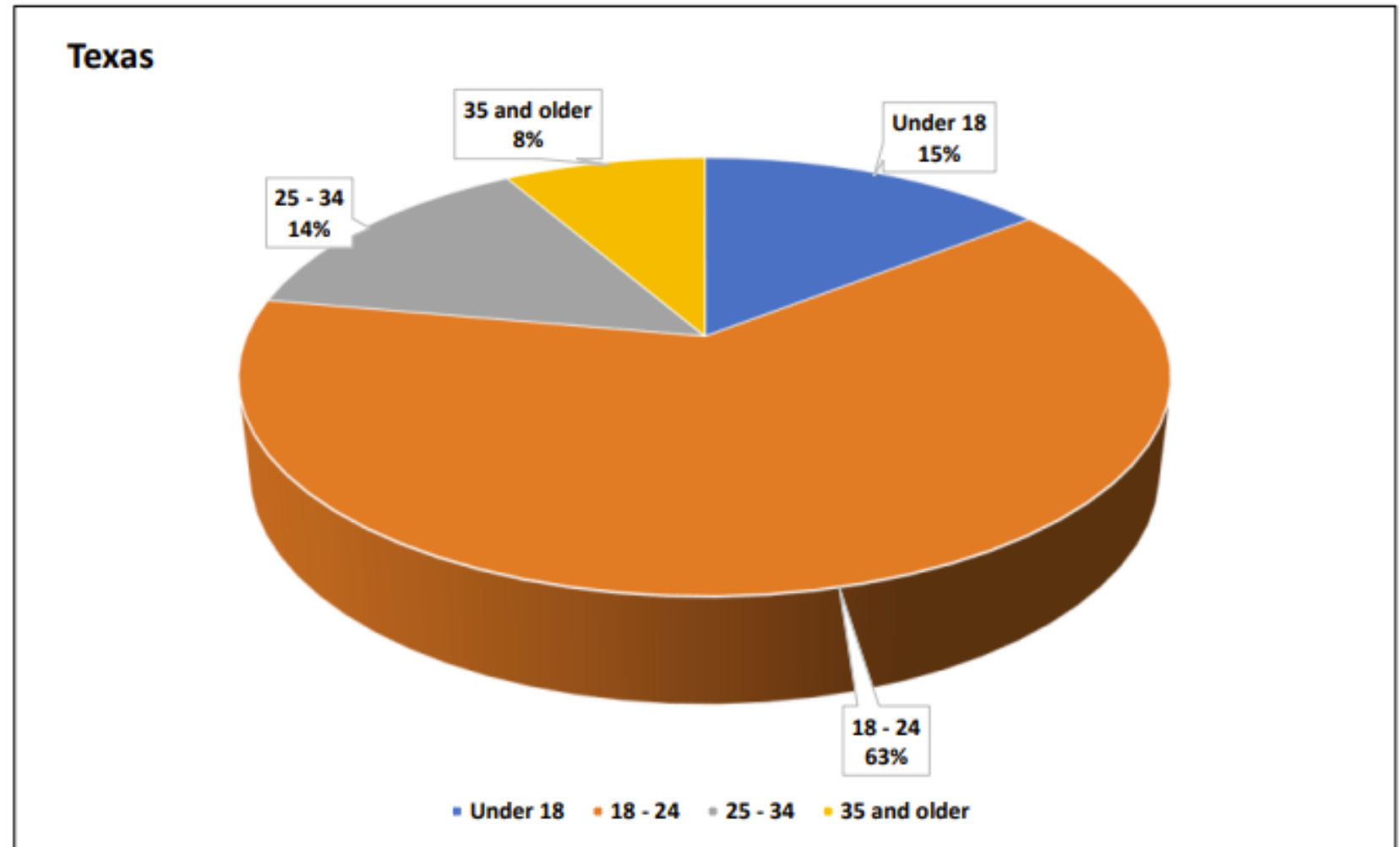


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# CLEP Data & Trends

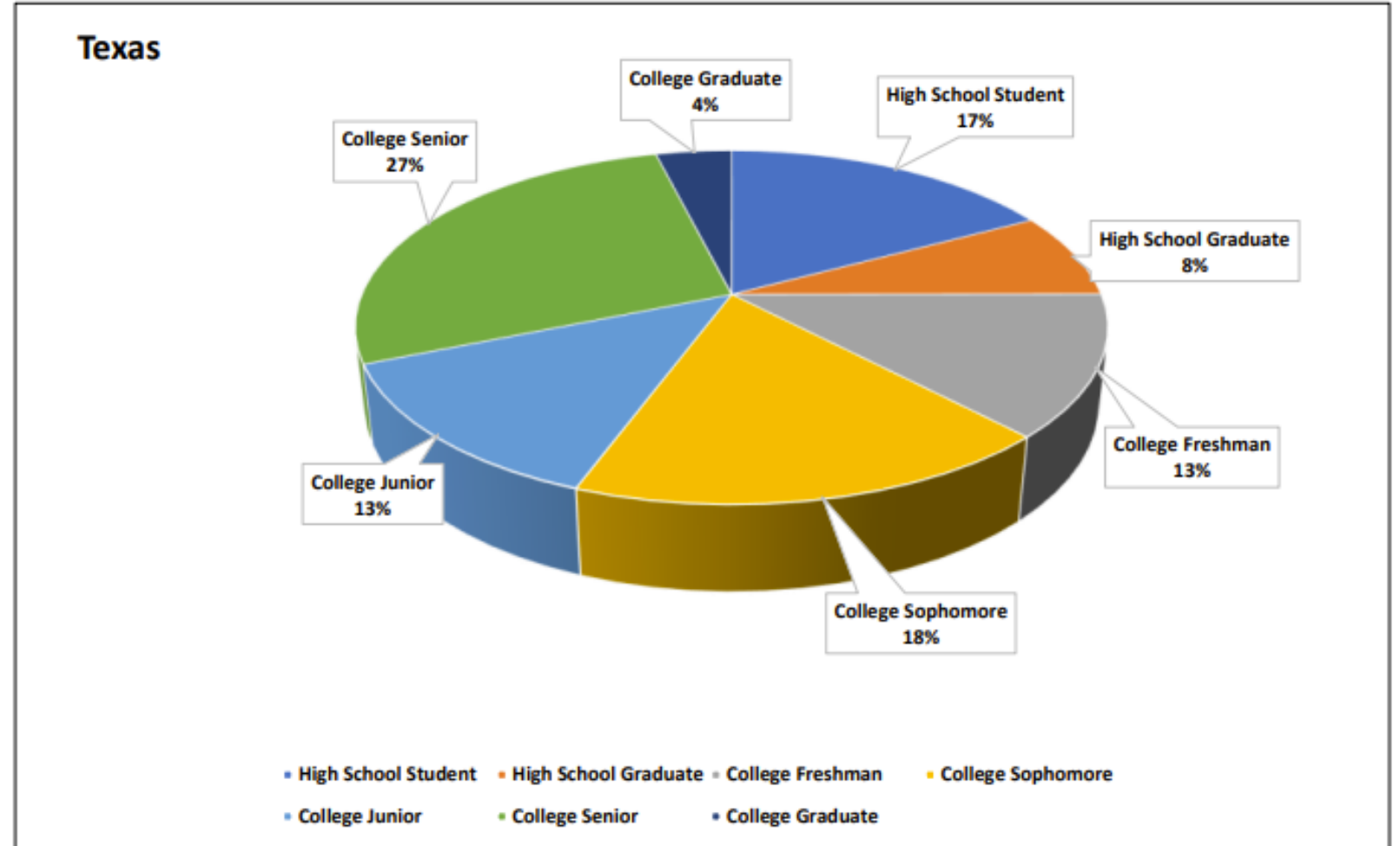
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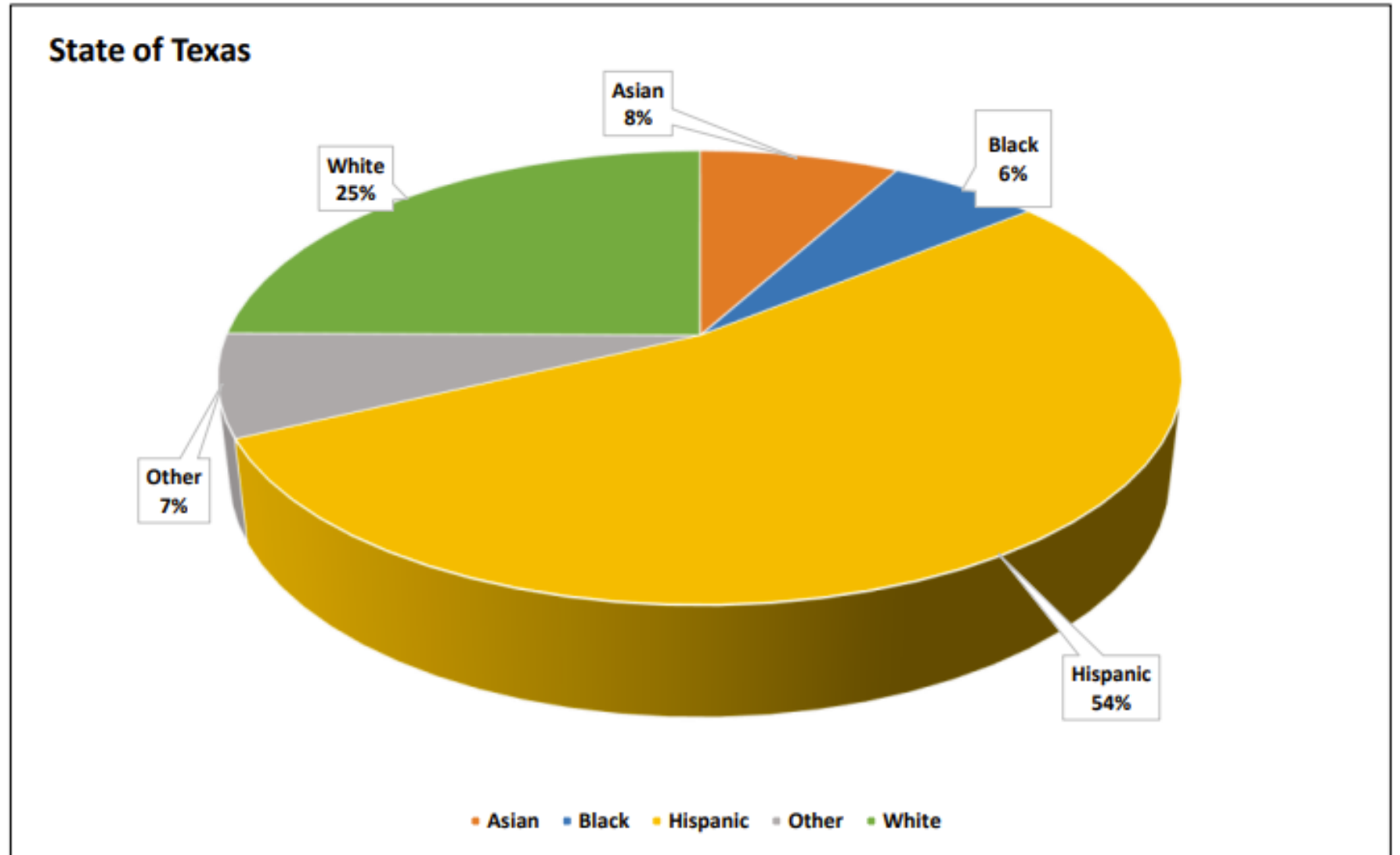
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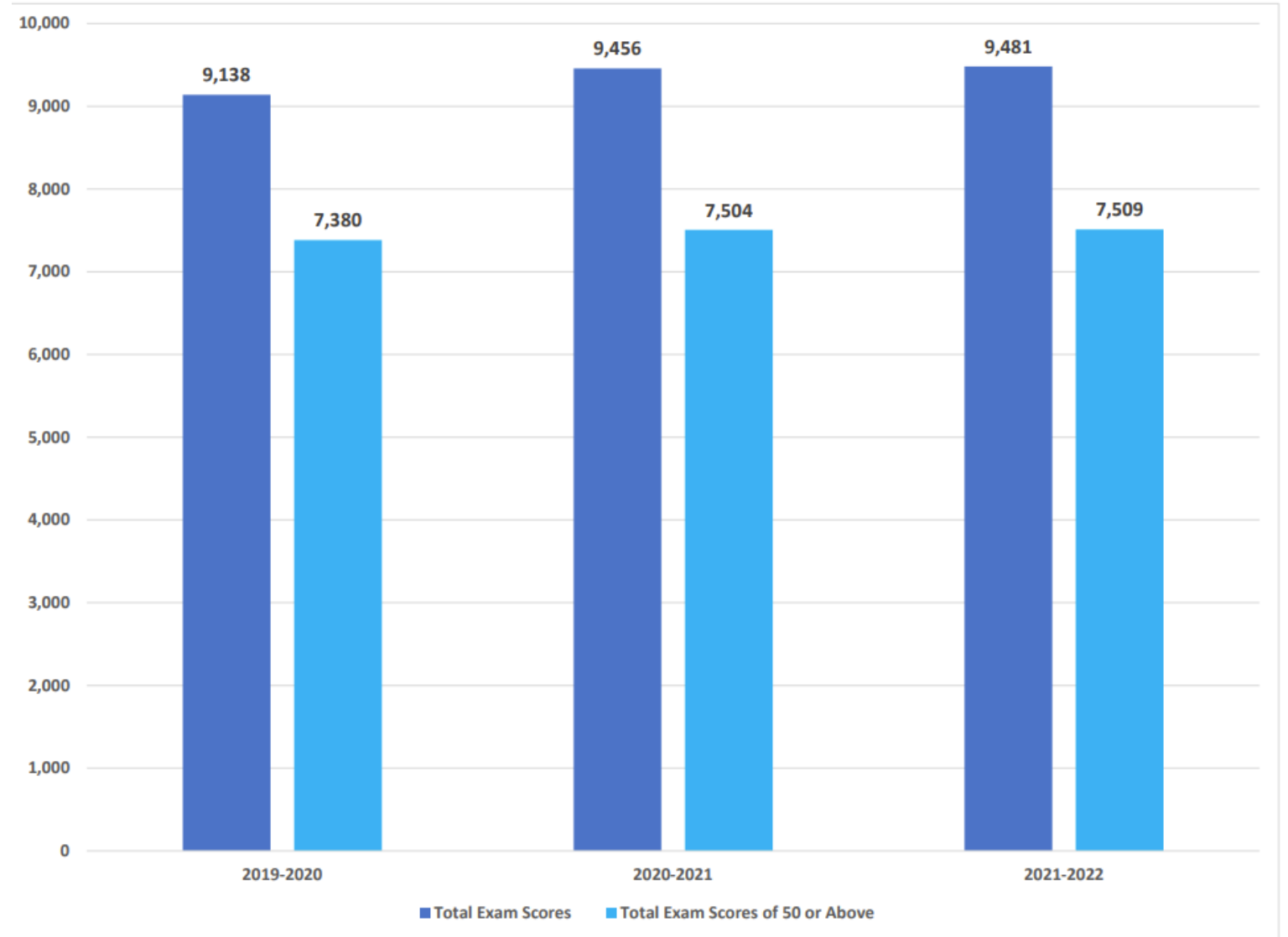
# Race and Ethnicity

Texas SY 2023



# Exams Taken

Texas SY2023



# Top Volume Exams

Texas SY2023

## Top Volume CLEP Exams

Spanish Language

College Algebra

History of the United States I

Spanish with Writing

History of the United States II

College Composition

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# CLEP in Practice



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# Texas CLEP policy

In 2021, Texas legislature passed [Senate bill 1277](#) stating all Texas public higher education institutions may not require a score higher than the minimum score recommended by ACE for granting credit for CLEP exams.

Score of **50** for all exams and additional credit for World Language exams

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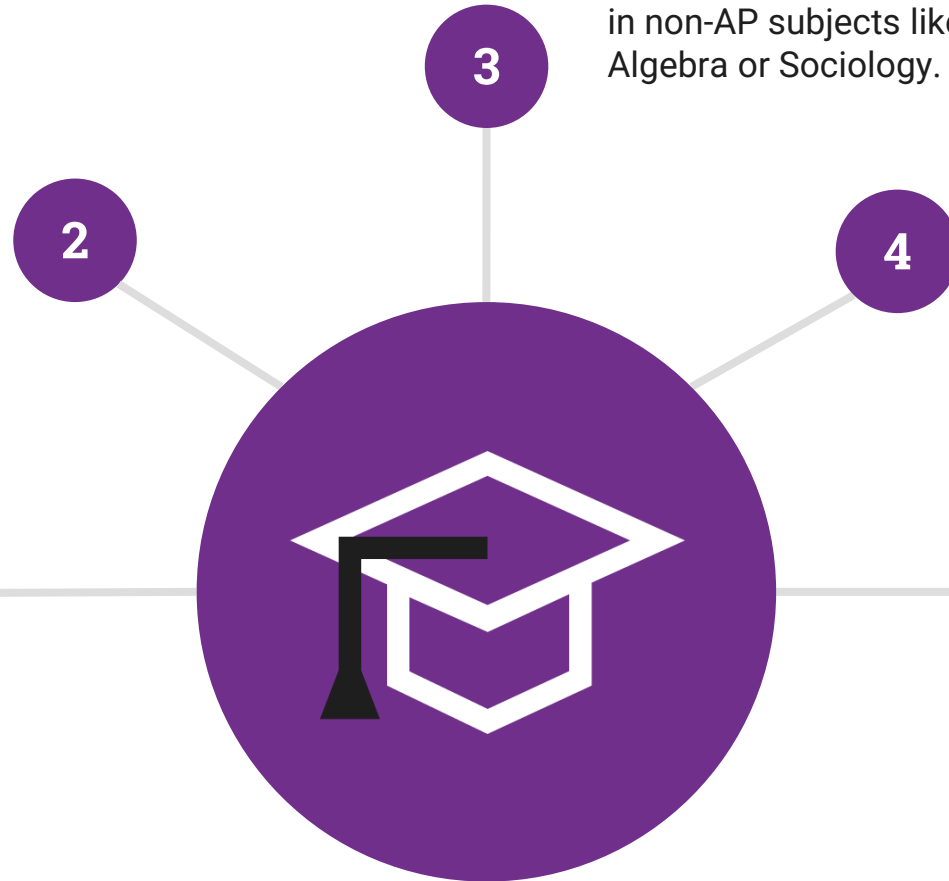
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# CLEP Updates



## Electronic Score Reporting

Thanks to those who have switched to ESR. Others can do so by email [clep.esr@ets.org](mailto:clep.esr@ets.org).



## Update Contact Information

Staff changes? Update contact information in CLEP Resource Center.



## 2 Score Sends

Prior to testing, students have 2 free score sends to institutions of choice.



## CLEP Honors 2023

Top Volume National and Military will be honored at NCTA 2024 based on volume Jan. 1, 2023-Dec 31, 2023.

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# Congratulations to the following Texas Test Centers!

CLEP National Honors 2023



- Austin Community College
- Texas State University-San Marcos
- University of Texas Arlington
- University of Texas Austin
- University of Texas San Antonio
- University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Edin

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# CLEP Resources

# Modern States

[www.modernstates.org](http://www.modernstates.org)

## Freshman Year for Free

Take tuition-free, high quality courses online from top institutions for college credit.

Sign Up

Explore Courses

- **Free online, on-demand courses in each CLEP subject**
- **Taught by professors from universities around the country**
- **Courses, textbooks and all materials are free**
- **25 – 50 hours of instruction**
- **Embedded practice CLEP exam questions**



# Modern States and CLEP

## Register for Modern States Course

Select a course taught by university professors at [www.modernstates.org](http://www.modernstates.org)



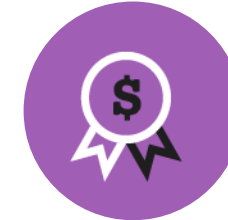
## Register for CLEP exam

Select your exam at [clep.org](http://clep.org), entering the voucher at checkout to cover the cost of the exam



## Receive test administration fee reimbursement

Email Modern States your test administration fee receipt



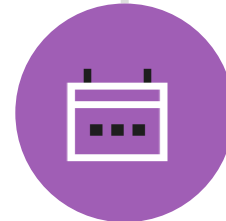
## Receive CLEP Voucher from Modern States

Upon completion of the course and practice questions, email Modern States for voucher



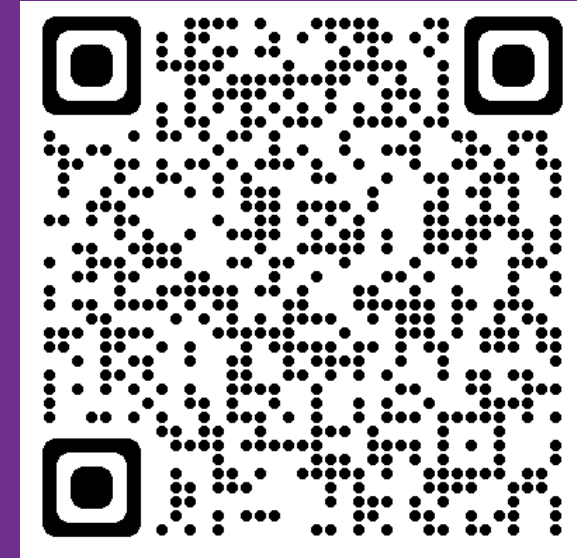
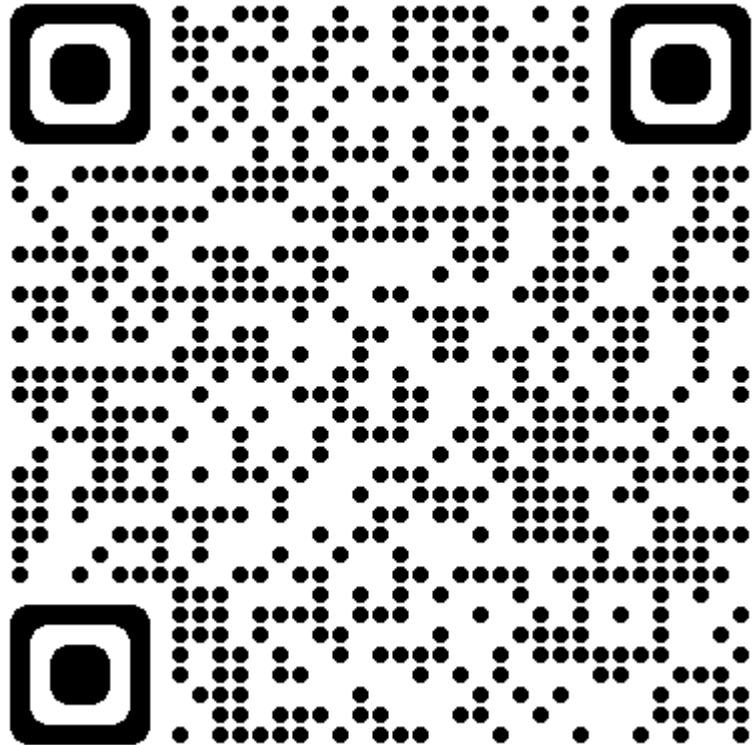
## Schedule testing appointment

Locate a test center or select remote proctoring to take your exam



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# Order Free Promotional Materials



Use QR code to sign  
up for CLEP  
newsletter

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TSIA2

Overview and  
Updates

# Multi Purposes/Use Cases



**2 and 4 Year  
College  
&  
Co-Requisite  
Readiness**



**Workforce  
Development**  
(Micro-credentials)



**ESL Programs  
&  
International  
Student  
College  
Readiness**



**Ability to  
Benefit (ATB)\***



**Pell Grant  
eligibility for  
incarcerated  
students**

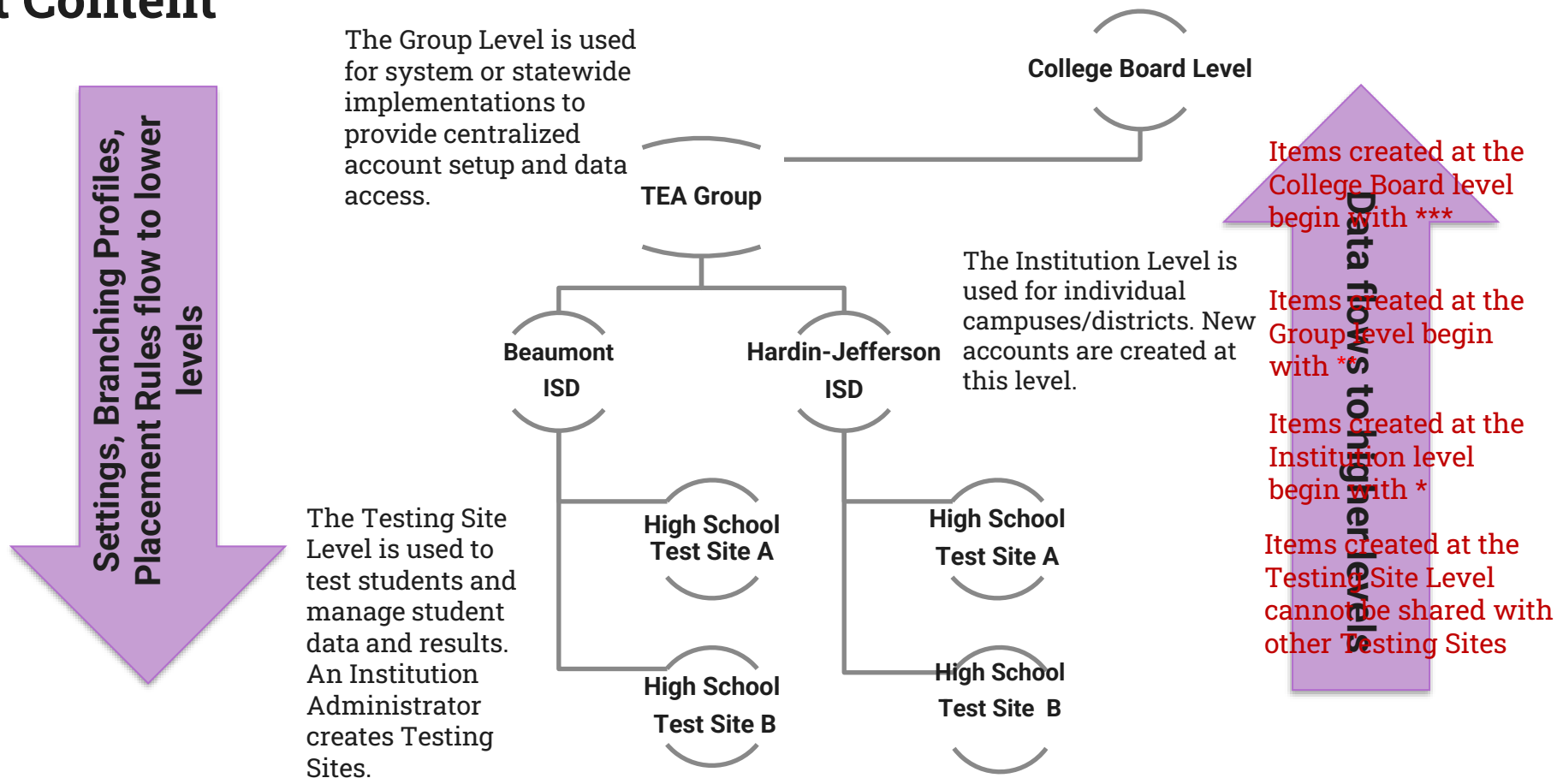
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# College Board: Test Publisher

## ACCUPLACER: Platform

### TSIA: Test Content

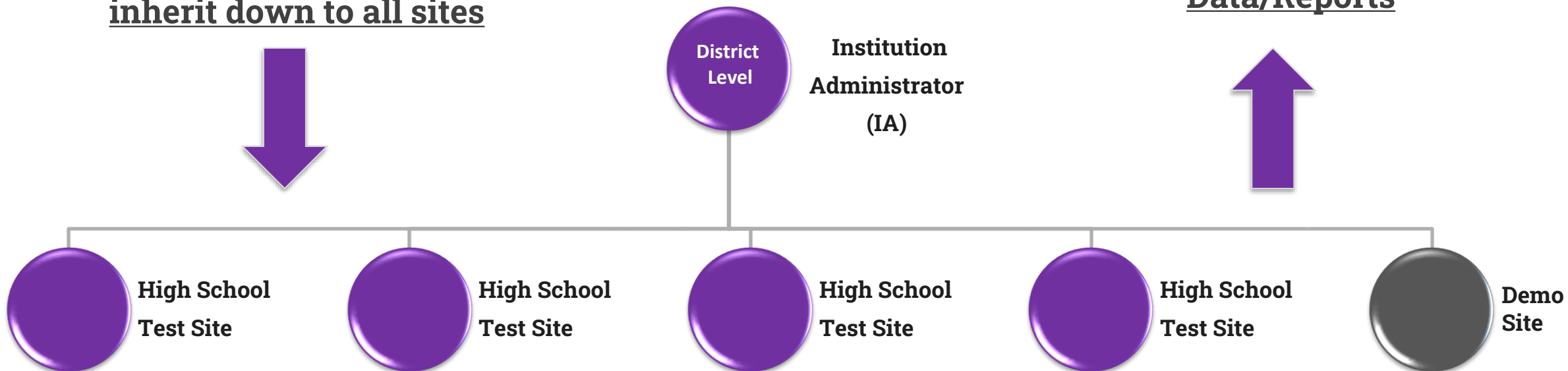
The College Board level provides resources to all users in the ACCUPLACER platform, maintains all tests.



# ISD/CISD - Account Hierarchy

## ISDs and CISDs

THECB System settings inherit down to all sites



# User Roles & Permissions Levels

## Web Service User – IT Specific

- For IT personnel working with Web Service Client (uploading of test scores to you SIS)
- Exempt from ACTA

 This chart is in the Resources Tab

User roles include:	
<b>Institution Administrator</b>	Responsible for the use and overall maintenance of ACCUPLACER® at their institution. This user controls the creation of testing sites, allocation of test units, creation of users, institution-level Branching Profiles and Placement Rules, and can generate reports across all testing sites. Institution Administrators <b>cannot</b> administer tests or generate vouchers.
<b>Site Manager</b>	Manages a testing site assigned by the Institution Administrator. Management responsibilities include the creation of site-specific users, site-specific Branching Profiles and Placement Rules, and student testing vouchers. This role can also generate site-specific ACCUPLACER reports. Site Managers <b>cannot</b> administer tests.
<b>Proctor Reporter</b>	Can administer tests, create student testing vouchers, close or resume test sessions, edit student profiles, and generate site-specific reports at their testing site.
<b>Proctor</b>	Can administer tests at their particular testing site. Proctors can also create students' testing vouchers and close or resume a test. Proctors <b>cannot</b> run reports.
Report users include:	
<b>Institution Reporter</b>	Can generate all types of reports for all sites included in their institution account. This includes Individual Score Reports (ISRs), Roster Reports, WritePlacer® Response Reports, Demographic Reports, Test Unit Reports, and Custom Reports.
<b>Institution Score Reporter</b>	Can only generate Individual Score Reports (ISRs) for all sites included in their institution account.
<b>Institution WritePlacer Reporter</b>	Can only generate WritePlacer Response Reports for all sites included in their institution account.
<b>Site Reporter</b>	Can generate all reports for their particular site. This includes Individual Score Reports (ISRs), Roster Reports, WritePlacer Response Reports, Demographic Reports, Test Unit Reports, and Custom Reports.
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<b>Site WritePlacer Reporter</b>	Can only generate WritePlacer Response Reports for their particular site.

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# Correct Contact Information

## Institutional Profile



### Update Contact Information

Staff changes?  
Update Primary,  
Business, and  
Technical



### Individual Score Report Sharing

Agree to receive  
ISRs?  
Agree to receive  
email notification?

Help us help you!

- Don't miss important updates!
- Notices of maintenance windows
- Receive ISRs from students?



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# Update Account Active Dates

## User Profiles



### Update Account Active Dates

Required every 12  
months, set a  
calendar reminder



### User Clean Up

Only current staff  
should have access  
to your account,  
check annually

Help us help you!

- Avoid getting locked out
- Create a calendar invite
- Ensure correct staff have access

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a red sweater, is writing on a whiteboard with a black marker. She is looking up and to the right. Another person is partially visible on the right side of the frame. The background shows a classroom setting with a whiteboard and a flag.

# TSIA2 Updates

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# Important reminder about upcoming Web Service Client updates

## Data Downloads to your SIS

**Changes  
Coming  
December  
2023**

The new file layouts will include:

- Updates to gender
- Updates to race and ethnicity
- Inclusion of the learning locator codes
- Inclusion of the composite score (delimited file format)
- Inclusion of institution id and site id (xml)

The new file layouts and schemas are located under the Resource tab on the platform.

Your IT Team can access the Beta Site to test it out starting Sept 20, 2023. **Webinar on how to access on Sept 18, 2023**

**Invite your IT team to listen to a recorded webinar to ensure your institution does not have a pause in uploading of scores. Recording located in the Resources tab.**

# Changes to TSIA2 ELAR Retest Policy

- Changes were effective October 5, 2023.
- The changes effect the English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) component only.
- When testing for the first-time students must take the complete ELAR package (college readiness classification (CRC), diagnostic if applicable, and the essay).
- If a student does not reach the benchmarks for both the CRC and the essay on their first attempt, a student can retest the components (CRC and diagnostic if applicable, or essay) as standalone tests in separate test sessions.

Texas Success Initiative Assessment, 2.0 (TSIA2)  
Standalone Retest Options for ELAR Tests (CRC and Essay)

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## ELAR Standalone Retest Policy (Effective October 5, 2023)

TSI assessment test administrators must administer the complete ELAR test (CRC and diagnostic test (as applicable), and 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.

If only one component (e.g., CRC or diagnostic test, Essay) is passed on the initial ELAR test administration, a retest is only required for the component that was not passed.

Institutions may accept ELAR standalone test (CRC Only and diagnostic test (as applicable) or Essay Only) scores from test administrations prior to October 5, 2023, provided they meet the requirements of the revised ELAR Standalone Retest Policy.

## Background

Prior to October 5, 2023, a passing score on one component of the TSIA2 ELAR test (e.g., CRC, diagnostic, or Essay) or one component of the TSIA Writing test (Placement Test (multiple choice) or Essay) was required for a student to be administered an ELAR standalone retest option. Further, institutions were not allowed to accept scores resulting from test administrations not aligned with proper TSIA2 testing protocols for the purpose of determining college readiness or placement.

The ELAR standalone retest policy change, effective October 5, 2023, provides students with more flexible ELAR retest options and simplifies ELAR retesting for test administrators. Additionally, this change reduces the number of students negatively impacted due to test administrator errors.

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# Purpose of the Demo Test Site

When teachers want to take the test to see what is covered on each subject:

- Direct them to the Test Specifications Manual
- Located on the home page – Training Materials

TSIA2  
English Language Arts  
and Reading  
Test Specifications  
(Version 1.5)

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Mathematics  
Test Specifications  
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# New Placement Rule: College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Potential

A new Placement Rule to assist your Advisors with identifying students who may be good candidates for earning college credit via a CLEP® exam is now available! CLEP is known to increase retention and graduation rates and could be beneficial to your students and many programs at your institution.

This Placement Rule has been created with a recommended score to identify potential CLEP candidates for Reading, Writing, QAS, AAF and WritePlacer.

The screenshot shows a 'Rule' configuration window with the following structure:

- IF** section (conditions):
  - the score of \*\*\* Next-Generation Reading is greater than or equal to 263
  - OR
  - the score of \*\*\* Next-Generation Writing is greater than or equal to 263
  - OR
  - the score of \*\*\* Next-Generation Quantitative is greater than or equal to 263
  - OR
  - the score of \*\*\* Next-Generation Advanced is greater than or equal to 263
  - OR
  - the score of KM WP - WritePlacer is greater than or equal to 7
- THEN** section (action):
  - Course Placement is 1. Talk to your advisor about CLEP exams.

The text '1. Talk to your advisor about CLEP exams.' in the THEN section is highlighted with a purple box.

# Cross-Institution Reporting Improved User Experience

The improved functionality of Cross-Institution Reporting helps to simplify and enhance the user experience and includes updated tool tips, expanded ISR details, and the ability to bulk print multiple ISRs at once.

- Click on Reports/Cross Institution Report
- Enter the Criteria/Search
- Click on View
- Quickly print multiple ISRs at once by selecting the checkboxes

The screenshot displays the 'Cross Institution Reporting' interface. At the top, there is a header with a bar chart icon and the text 'Cross Institution Reporting'. Below this is a search form with the following fields:

- Institution Name:** A dropdown menu with 'Milwaukee Area Technical College' selected.
- \* Student Last Name:** A text input field containing 'shinde'.
- \* Student First Name:** A text input field containing 'rash'.
- \* Date of Birth:** A date input field containing '01/01/2000' with a calendar icon to its right.
- Student Id:** An empty text input field.
- Supplemental Student ID:** An empty text input field.

A yellow 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the search form. Below the search form is a section titled 'Student Profile Search Results' with a grid icon. This section contains a table with the following data:

Student ID	Supplemental Student ID	First Name	Last Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Action
4567456		Rash	shinde		01/01/2000	

At the bottom of the results section, it says '1 to 1 of 1 Records'. Navigation buttons for 'First', 'Prev', 'Next', and 'Last' are located at the bottom right. A dropdown menu for '10' is also visible.





# Student Portal

**Your TSIA2 Score Report**  
Look up your test results.  
Share your test results

## Where is it located?

Easily access the portal at  
[TSIA2.ACCUPLACER.org](https://TSIA2.ACCUPLACER.org)

**Test Taking Tutorials**  
Watch a short video on a  
variety of test features  
before you take your  
test.

## Learning Resources

Use the Learning Locator™ to find  
targeted materials based on your  
TSIA2 performance levels.

# Student Portal

## Test Center Locator

Haven't taken your test yet?  
Find a location near you.

## Practice Resources

Web Based Study App  
features practice  
questions in each  
subject area.

# TSIA2 Pre-Assessment Activity

Dr. Shakila Farmer

# Search of Pre-Assessment Activity Report

Click on the Advanced Search button to display the available Student Search fields.

1. Student information optional
2. Click in the Institution Name field drop-down field and select ALL.
3. Click the Search button to display the results.

Pre-Assessment Activity Report

Advanced Search

Pre-Assessment Activity Report

Export Options

Sort By Student ID

<input type="checkbox"/>	Student ID	First Name	Last Name	Date Of Birth	Email Address	Institution Name	PAA Completion Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	1234567	Deborah	Anderson	2001-01-01	danderson-nonemp@collegeboard.org	Houston ISD	2022-10-11

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# Upcoming College Board Conferences

## Professional Development

### College Board Forum

Nov 1 – 3, 2023

NYC

### A Dream Deferred

March 25-27, 2024

NYC

### Preparate

April 24-26, 2024

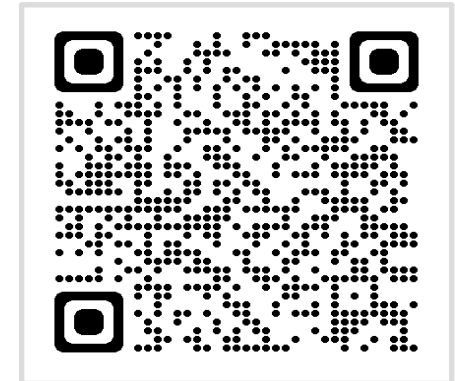
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### NASAI:

### Native American Student Access Institute

June 6-7, 2024

Minneapolis



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