Red Raider Orientation Holds - What are they, and how can we remove them?

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Why & When to Remove them?

Holds are placed for various reasons...all impact a student's ability to register for classes at Red Raider Orientation!

1. Mandated Information
   1. Texas Success Initiative (TSI) – Check Compliance
   2. Immunizations – Submit through Med+Proctor
   3. RRO Modules – April 15\textsuperscript{th}

2. Texas Tech Policy
   1. Housing - ASAP
Test Optional Does Not Apply to TSI

Entering college students must demonstrate their college readiness by meeting minimum standards on TSI Assessments in math, reading, and writing or by demonstrating an exemption for each area. Those students who do not meet these standards must enroll in appropriate developmental courses designed to improve their academic skills and prepare them for college-level courses.
TSI Compliance

1. Compliant - no further action
2. Testing - contact Academic Testing Services
3. TSI Coursework - attend the College Readiness/TSI Session at Red Raider Orientation
TSI Compliance is required prior to course registration!

- Your student may already be compliant. Check the exemptions on the next slide.
- Be sure to have your student submit their TSI Compliance documentation ASAP.
- Students needing to take the TSI Assessment Test must do so prior to Red Raider Orientation.

If you have any questions, please visit our website or email us at registrar.tsi@ttu.edu
### Exemption by Test Scores

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*Administered prior to February 15, 2023
**Administered after February 14, 2023

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TSI Assessment

Need to take the TSI exam?
What is the TSI Assessment?

- The TSI Assessment is the ONLY exam approved to meet compliance requirements for Texas Success Initiative. Additional information: TSI website - https://www.depts.ttu.edu/tsi.
- To avoid a delay in advising and class registration, it is recommended that students take the TSI assessment **prior to** the first day of RRO.
- The TSI Compliance Office will notify students which sections they need to take to be TSI compliant.
- Questions? Contact the TSI Compliance Office at registrar.tsi@ttu.edu or 806-834-4150 **before** signing up for a TSI Exam.
Taking the TSI exam on the TTU campus?

- Contact our office at testing@ttu.edu to schedule an appointment with Academic Testing.
- The TSI Pre-Assessment Activity must be completed prior to testing. Once scheduled, students receive an email with information regarding their appointment and a link to complete the TSI Pre-Assessment Activity.
- There is a (non-refundable) fee to Academic Testing paid through our online store. We cannot accept cash. An email with the payment link will be sent to the student once the pre-assessment is completed.
- Appropriate photo ID is required at time of testing (driver's license, passport or other government ID with a current photo).
Taking the TSI exam off campus?

- There are 2 ways to take the TSI off-campus using vouchers prepared at Academic Testing:
  1) Students can take the exam as a remote session at home through Examity.
  2) Or, as a remote session at another University or College selected by Academic Testing.
- The benefit of using the voucher from Academic Testing: The office is notified when testing is completed and our staff will report the score to the Texas Tech TSI office within 2 business days.
Taking the TSI exam off campus?

• For either option, students go to the Academic Testing website and fill out an off-campus voucher request.  
  https://www.depts.ttu.edu/testing/TSIvoucher.php

• When the pre-assessment activity is completed, our office will send a payment link and create the appropriate voucher based on the student’s selection. For testing in person near you, Academic Testing will select the closest *remote* site to you and prepare the voucher to that institution.

* Be aware: If the student chooses to test at another site, it is their responsibility to get the scores to the TSI Compliance office by sending a pdf file to registrar.tsi@ttu.edu.
TSI Support Courses

• After testing, students who are not College Ready in any area will be required to attend the College Readiness/TSI session at Red Raider Orientation (RRO) to discuss enrolling in developmental coursework

• College Readiness/TSI Session
  • Usually occurs during Day 1
  • Group session and students will receive a paper with their TSI support course requirements to discuss with their College Advisor on Day 2

• TSI coursework holds will go into place two weeks after RRO. This allows the student to meet with the academic advisor and register for the appropriate coursework and TSI Support Course.
TSI Assessment

Need to retake the TSI exam?

Want some study materials to prepare for the TSI exam?

Be on the lookout for some virtual test prep TSI Jump Start options during the summer!
Immunization Holds

Records must be uploaded to Med+Proctor. To submit your records, visit: 
https://www.depts.ttu.edu/studenthealth/newstudents/

To understand the process, watch this brief video. 
https://youtu.be/Ek5i_DhYAXM

Questions about your hold or extension call Student Health at 806-743-2848
Residence Requirement

▪ All first-time students to Texas Tech are required to live on campus for two academic semester (Fall-Spring.) This requirement includes traditional freshmen and transfer students.

▪ In order to live off campus students must be approved for an off-campus exemption, applications can be submitted at housing.ttu.edu
  - The most popular exemption is the 30+ Post high school credit hours.

▪ All exemption requests and results must be completed prior to the official Move-In date for the current academic year.

▪ As a friendly reminder, do not sign an off-campus lease unless your exemption application request has been formally approved.

housing.ttu.edu/exemptions
Housing

Make sure your student is signed up for housing in the fall [www.housing.ttu.edu](http://www.housing.ttu.edu)

How to Sign Up for Housing
Questions?

Please use the Zoom Q&A Feature
We will follow up with an email link to the recording
Watch for upcoming webinars
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