Your Questions Answered

- TSI Questions

1) The paper says “take your TSI Assessment.” What is TSI?

- TSI stands for Texas Success Initiative. The TSI Assessment is a computerized assessment to determine your college-readiness based on Reading, Writing, and Math skills. Your results are used to determine class placement at Midland College. See link below for information on the TSI and exemptions.
- Click HERE for the MC TSI webpage.

2) Is the TSI test re-takable? Or a one-time test.

- A student can attempt the TSI Assessment as many times as they want to or need to.

3) Are there accommodations on this TSI for students w learning disabilities specifically dyslexic?

- Yes. Bring professional diagnostic documentation concerning your needs to Mr. Dale Williams, Counselor/Disabilities Specialist, in the Scharbauer Student Center. He may be contacted at either dewilliams@midland.edu or 685-5598 for more detailed information.

4) How soon do you know if you passed the TSI or if you get rerouted?

- TSI results are available immediately upon completion of the Assessment.

5) What’s the score requirement for social studies and science to be exempt from the TSI test?

- TAKS scores on Social Studies and Science are not applicable towards TSI exemption. Only ELA and Math TAKS scores can exempt a student from section(s) of the TSI.

6) If I made a 21 on my ACT, am I exempt?

- Exemption based on ACT scores require a composite score of 23 with a minimum score of 19 on both the English and Math sections.
7) When, where, what place and time for the mandatory pre-activity?
   
   - The Pre-Assessment Activity is an online activity that can be completed at any time from any internet connected computer, CLICK HERE

8) How can we find out our TAKS scores?
   
   - You can get them from your high school counselor or from the College Connect Advisor, Becky Gonzalez.
   - MHS – mornings (Find Ms. Gonzalez in the Senior Office or by calling 689-1125)
   - LHS – afternoons (Find Ms. Gonzalez in the Library or by calling 689-1636)

9) Ok so who/where/when do we take our TAKS scores if we are exempt?
   
   - Bring them to Enrollment Services in the Scharbauer Student Center

10) If we already took the compass and one of the others (can’t remember name) but have already been told we have to take remedial English. Why do we?

   - The results you received indicate that you did not pass the test you attempted. Enrolling in college prior to the Fall 2013 semester “locks in” your other test scores so you can use them if you choose to do so. If you did not enroll in a college course in or before Fall 2013, you will need to attempt the TSI Assessment. You are invited to use the TSI Voucher you received to attempt TSI before enrolling if you did not pass an earlier attempt of another test.

   - Legacy Scholarship Questions

1) How do you access the Legacy Scholarship application?

   - Click HERE to get the application.

2) Does the Legacy Scholarship pay for any summer classes?

   - No, the Legacy Scholarship can be used for fall and spring semesters only.

3) Where can I find the list of agencies where I can do my community services hours?
• Click [HERE](#) for a list of agencies.

4) What does the Legacy Scholarship cover?

• Legacy covers tuition and fees only up to $1050 per semester (it does NOT cover books).

5) Do all of your volunteer hours have to be done at the same place?

• No. You can volunteer at multiple locations.

6) Can you work on your 40 sophomore Legacy hours while still in high school?

• No. Please work on your community service hours for the second year requirement during your freshman year at MC.

7) When do the Legacy hours start to count … (because I did some my freshman year)?

• We cannot accept community service hours completed prior to the summer after your junior year.

8) Where do you turn in all your stuff for Legacy?

• Please submit to Kristy Messmer, Legacy Advisor, in room 242 of the Midland College Scharbauer Student Center. Questions? Contact Kristy at 685-6854 or kmessmer@midland.edu

• **College Questions**

1) What is the difference between a college and a university?

• In general, colleges only offer undergraduate programs (think Associate’s degrees or Bachelor’s degrees). Universities (such as UT-Permian Basin, Texas Tech University, Angelo State University), on the other hand, usually offer both undergraduate and graduate degrees (such as Master’s programs, Ph.D. programs, as well as professional schools like law schools and medical schools).
2) Can you explain what an “hour” in college classes is?

- A college class is usually 3 to 4 “credit hours,” which roughly refers to the number of hours the class meets per week and the number of credits your transcript will show for that class. For example, a 3-hour class would meet M/W/F for 50 minutes or T/R for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Most students take an average of 15-16 hours per semester to complete an associate’s degree in two years or a bachelor’s degree in four years. “Full-time” student status at Midland College is 12 credit hours or more per semester.

3) Is Texas Scholars specific on what you can use as community service?

- According to the MISD website, Texas Scholars accepts 20 hours of community service at ANY volunteer agency.
- Many people confuse Texas Scholars and the Midland College Legacy Scholarship. Texas Scholars is a Recognition program; it is NOT a scholarship. For a side by side comparison of the two programs, go to:
- Click [HERE](#) for the Texas Scholar and Legacy Scholarship requirements. (PDF file)