



HouseBill 3 (HB 3) SAT, ACT, and TSIA Reimbursement Frequently Asked Questions

We've shared some of our most frequently asked questions to help you out!
The HB 3 SAT, ACT, and TSIA Reimbursement FAQs are modified periodically to ensure a consistently accurate document.

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Section A: Policy Overview and Definitions

A.1) What is the HB reimbursement?

A school district is entitled to reimbursement for the fees paid by the district for a college preparation assessment administration under Texas Education Code (TEC) [§39.0261\(a\)\(3\)](#) and §48.155.

A.2) What is a "college preparation assessment" that is eligible for reimbursement?

"College preparation assessments" include the ACT, SAT, or the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) for the 2019-2020 school year ([TEC §39.0261\(a\)\(3\)](#)). The reimbursement covers the basic SAT and/or ACT test, or the reading and math sections of the TSIA. Other additional costs or fees such as the writing test, subject areas tests, essay portion, or late fees are not eligible for reimbursement. Diagnostic tests and retests are also not eligible for reimbursement.

A.3) Who is getting reimbursed?

The district is the entity that receives reimbursement from TEA for paying for eligible students to take a eligible assessment (TEC [§48.155](#)).

A.4) Who are the eligible students for which the district will be reimbursed?

SAT (no essay) and \$52.00 for the ACT (no essay). The TSA fee is dependent on the institution that administers the assessment. Please note that only the reading and math portions will be reimbursed for each assessment (not writing or essay).

B.6) Will any discount automatically occur on the College Board or ACT online registrations when a student is registered independently?

No, the national administration price will remain the same to users unless they use a fee waiver. Information about fee waivers can be found [here](#) for SAT and [here](#) for ACT.

B.7) Can a fee waiver be used for school day administrations?

No, fee waivers are for national administrations only. Eligible students who Tw 151514.318(e)- (o9-lht)-2.9 (f)11 ad

Section D: Calendar Constraints

D.1) What is considered "spring" of junior year?

TEA defines "spring" as January 1 - May 31.

D.2) If a student is behind or ahead on their credits and will be a second semester student in the fall, will TEA consider this to be "spring"?

No, spring is defined as January 1 - May 31. Districts may only be reimbursed for juniors who take the test during this time frame.

D.3) What is considered a "school year"?

TEA defines a "school year" as September 1 - August 31. However, summer assessments are not eligible for reimbursement (assessments taken between June 1 - August 31).

D.4) When can a student take the assessment at state cost?

Please see the below table for example reimbursement eligibility scenarios. The scenarios follow student 1 (Johnny) in gray throughout his junior and senior year, and student 2 (Sally) 3.804 0 Td272

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The district paid for Sally (now GRADUATED) to take an assessment in the summer.

The district is not eligible for reimbursement; that student is no longer within the Texas public schools

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Section F: School Finance

F.1) How was the advanced funding calculated?

TEA calculated the advanced funding by funding 100% of expected juniors and 50% of expected seniors at \$35 per student. This is not a budget, but rather an estimate of expected expenditures. Any amount unexpended will be returned and any eligible amount overspent will be reconciled in April 2021 during settle-up.

F.2) Will the \$35 school day administration price be automatically applied for Texas schools?

Districts will receive a custom invoice from vendors reflecting the \$35 price for eligible students.

F.3) Is the September 2019 SAT/ACT/TSA funding that districts received going to be distributed annually? Meaning, should districts expect to receive another set of funded funds with the same guidelines in September 2020?

Yes, districts will receive advance funding in the fall of each school year with reconciliation happening in the spring of the next school year. The funding amount will vary as it is based on projected enrollment for the upcoming school year.

F.4) Can the original expense of the assessments be used to meet the 55% College, Career, and Military Readiness Outcome Bonus (CCMR) spending requirement?

No. Districts have 51% of the cost of the assessments. (9(h)1(o)4.39(s)9.d in

F.9) How will TEA determine a district's final reimbursement amount?

Every summer, TEA will collect vendor data from the prior school year to determine students who took an assessment and when that assessment was taken. TEA will automatically consider schoolday administration for reimbursement. The district must submit final requests for reimbursement IF:

- The district wishes to be reimbursed for national administration
- The district wishes to be reimbursed for TSIA administration

Please see question [3](#) for more information on this process.

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Section G: National Administrations and TSIA

G.1) Can the district be reimbursed if they pay for a student to take an assessment in a national

assessment? (TSIA, ACT, SAT, etc.)

H.3) Can charter schools receive reimbursement?

Yes, public open enrollment charter schools are eligible for reimbursement.

H.4) Can homeschooled students receive reimbursement?

No, homeschooled students are considered private school students in the state of Texas; therefore, they are not eligible for reimbursement.

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Section I