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Good morning ISD friends,

Thank you all for your patience as our Collin College team worked to realign our Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) strategy with recommendations received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). As you know, this pandemic has caused all of us to rethink our methods to help ensure our students are successful while maintaining academic integrity and continuity.

It is exciting to share a few approaches for establishing appropriate TSI waivers for dual credit students interested in pursuing courses at Collin College that require TSI readiness. Please remember, we have multiple courses that do not require TSI readiness like many of our workforce program courses and the Learning Frameworks Class. For those courses that do require TSI readiness, you will see we are relying heavily on high school counselor judgment to help place students appropriately and minimize potential course recovery needs. You will also see an increased flexibility to serve students through this stressful time. Most of all, you will see an unwavering effort to support students through these courses.

A) For dual credit students enrolling this *fall* who have not already met TSI requirements:

If the counselor lists a course on the HS Registration Permission Form, we will process that as the school's recommendation to waive any potential TSI pre-requisites for the listed course(s). Your recommendation is a vital component to this process, as you will best know their potential for success.

A few items worth considering (recommendations only) for your review:

- Cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher AND
- Average grade of B or higher in related content courses (English, Reading, and/or Math)

**Students must take the TSI by October 16, 2020, even with this waiver.** If the TSI is made available in summer, we will encourage students to test then, but we will not recommend changing dual credit schedules for students to minimize additional work on the schools.

B) For dual credit and/or concurrent students enrolling for this *summer* who have not already met TSI requirements, we will follow similar guidelines listed for fall with an emphasis on the high school counselor's recommendation. Again, if the counselor lists a course on the HS Registration Permission Form, we will process that as the school's recommendation to waive any potential TSI pre-requisites for the listed course(s). Please use the same high school GPA and average grade guidelines as listed above to guide your decision.

Based on when we are able to provide TSI testing, we will ask students to take the assessment by the end of the summer term. If the test is not available by then, a passing grade in the course will be used to satisfy TSI expectations.

C) For students enrolling based on these waivers for either semester, we are eager to invest in additional academic support mechanisms to assist with successful course completion. These may include supplemental instruction (SI) enhancements, additional tutoring options, working closely to monitor progress throughout the term, and/or exploring options for additional college and career counselors.



We are so fortunate to be surrounded by such amazing school districts and look forward to working together with you throughout this unique time in all of our lives. It is a privilege to work with each of you as we minimize obstacles and create pathways for our students to succeed.

I am also including a list of important upcoming dates to assist you. We wish you safe and healthy days ahead and are ready to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
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#### Important Collin College Dual Credit Dates to Remember

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| Ongoing   | Summer Dual Credit/Concurrent Enrollment in Progress               |
| April 14  | Fall Dual Credit Enrollment Begins                                 |
| April 17  | Last Day to Withdraw from a 16-week, Spring 2020 course            |
| May 17    | Last Day of Collin College Classes for Spring                      |
| June 8    | Summer I and Summer III classes begin (all courses will be online) |
| July 13   | Summer II classes begin  |
| August 24 | Fall Classes Begin   |
| Oct. 16   | Students with Fall waivers must take TSI test by this date         |