



## Step #1 - Update Chrome Browser

**The Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) is:** a statutory requirement that mandates that all testing sites provide a PAA to all first-time testers before taking the TSI. [Click here](#) to read more about it.

### The Pre-Assessment Activity includes the following:

- An explanation of the importance of the TSI Assessment.
  - Video or read to the students the "About TSI" information found below if the video not available.
- Practice test questions and feedback.
- An explanation of all the developmental education options, if the minimum passing standard is not met.
- Information on resources that will assist towards college success.

## *ABOUT TSI*

**What is the TSI Assessment?** The test you will take is called the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment, and it is required by State law. This assessment is a series of questions that help predict what classes are best suited for your needs. All college students in Texas will complete this test unless they meet exemption criteria.

The purpose of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is to determine if you are ready for college-level work in the areas of reading, writing, and math. Success in these areas can help you complete your college degree or certificate program.

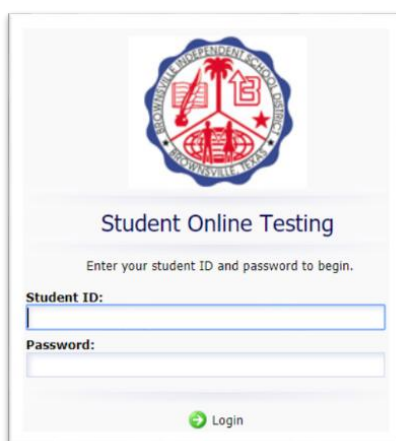
**What does an assessment measure?** Standardized assessments are designed and administered to students and the results indicate a student's ability to complete certain tasks or demonstrate skills and knowledge. They often use a multiple-choice format, though some include open-ended, short-answer questions. The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment will measure your knowledge in Math, Reading, and Writing.

**Why are assessment results important?** Academic advisors will use test results to place you in a class that is a good fit for you. Matching your skill level and interests with suitable courses will help you reach your educational goals more quickly.

**Why should I prepare?** Preparation ensures that you complete the test to the best of your ability. You can prepare by reviewing the topics and materials through the resources that are available to you. It is also important to setup for success through healthy habits...more on that coming up! If you do not prepare for the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Assessment then you may receive a lower score that does not reflect your actual skills and knowledge. A low score could mean that you are placed in one or more courses to improve your skills. Students enroll and pay for these courses although they provide no credit towards a degree or certificate. This may add extra time and money to your planned college timeline.

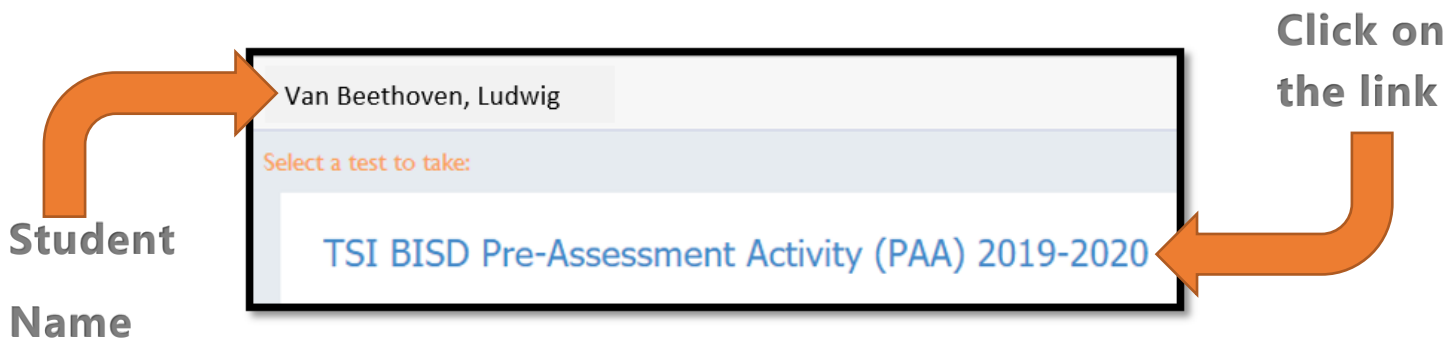
## 1. STUDENT LOG IN

- Go to BISD / Directory / Departments / Assessment / AWARE ONLINE TESTING or [click here](#) to access the student Log In.
- Student Local ID must be a seven digit number (add leading zeros if needed).
- Student enters the password
  - Check with campus benchmark contact or ARE, if you do not know the password.



## 2. STUDENT TEST

- Teacher must actively monitor to ensure that student logs in correctly.
- Ask student to verify the name on the top left is his/her name and select appropriate test



**Student Name**

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Select a test to take:

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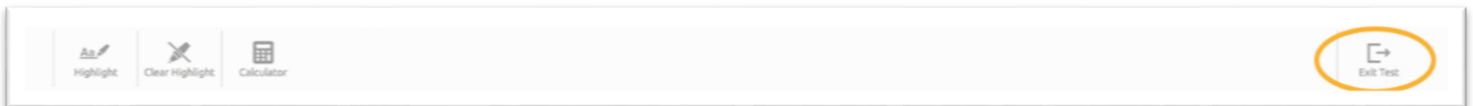
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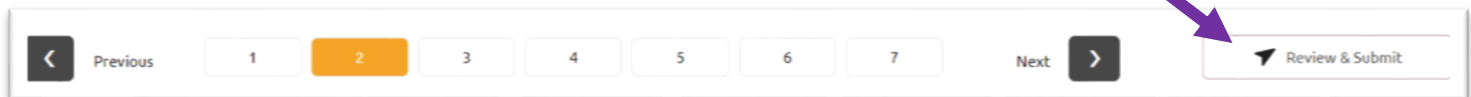
- c. The **new interface** shows a different layout for the student.
- The test information is on the upper left and the student information is on the upper right.



- There is no more split screen. No need toggle back and forth between the resource (passage) and the questions.
- The bar at the top offers student options.



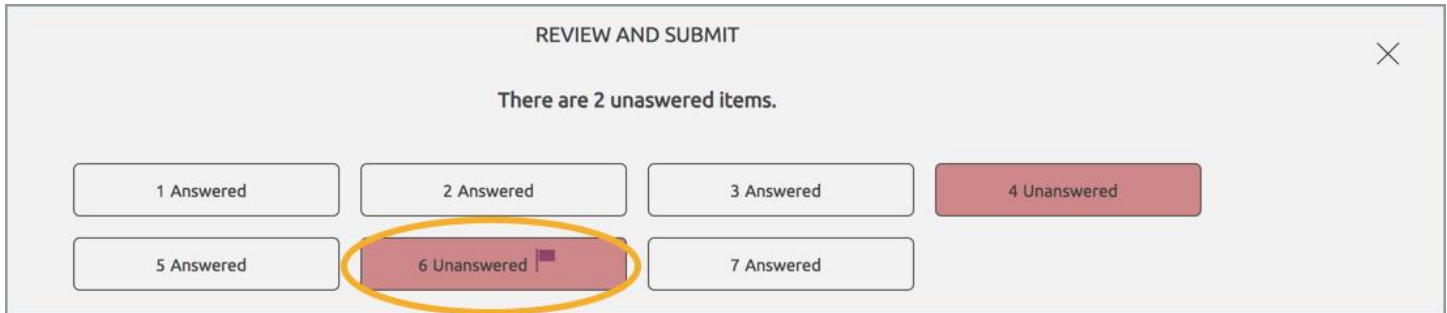
- d. If you need to exit your test and come back later to finish, click **Exit**.
- e. There is now an option to **X off** the answer choices you wish to eliminate. Simply click on the minus sign to the right of the response and it crosses out your answer. Click on it again and it removes the line through the answer(s).
- f. **Flag** questions to review later, if needed. 
- g. Move from question to question using the bar at the bottom of the screen.
- h. Answer each question by selecting the correct answer and then clicking **Next**.
- i. To navigate between questions, either click the **Question Number** or use the Previous and **Next** buttons at the bottom of the screen.



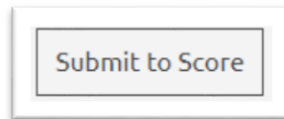
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## 3. REVIEW AND SUBMIT

- a. When you select the **Review & Submit** icon, it gives the student the opportunity to review questions, shows unanswered and flagged items.

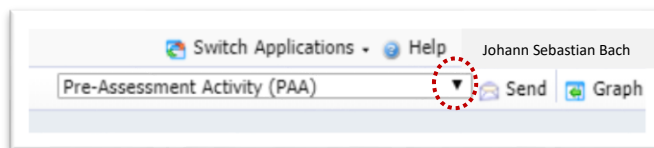


- b. Once all questions have been answered click **Submit to Score**.



## 4. ADMIN, TEACHER, or COUNSELOR – View and print your campus or class list of PAA scores

- a. To view **BISD PAA** Scores:
- Analyze tab / Quick Views / PAA (Pre-Assessment Activity) for TSI / Year / Ninth Grade / TSI Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA).
  - Use the down arrow near Student Scores (on the upper right) to scroll down and select BISD Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) for TSI.



## 5. ADMIN, TEACHER, COUNSELOR, or SITE MANAGER – Create your Excel list of campus PAA scores.

- a. **Print** (upper left) / Export to Excel

