



Brownsville Independent School District ECHS Dictionary

1. **Academic Support Services** – Services rendered to all ECHS students by the ECHS campuses. These services include but are not limited to – TSI tutorials, Academic tutorials with TSI imbedded, focused content specific tutorials, Boot Camps, Summer Bridge, Campus assigned mentors, mentors from TSC...
2. **Adult Basic (AB)** – lowest level of TSI assessment (not academically ready for college courses)
3. **Boot Camp** – Camps that focus on content specific TSI remediation
4. **Concurrent Courses** – college courses taken at the college outside of the regular school day
5. **Course Crosswalk** – A list that shows BISD courses and College level dual courses side-by-side.
6. **Developmental Ed** – Middle level of TSI assessment (almost academically ready for college courses)
7. **Dual college courses** – Courses taken at the high school for both high school and college credit during the school day.
8. **Early College High School (ECHS)** – A designation afforded to a school from TEA after a lengthy competitive application that states that schools can offer 9th and 10th grade students the opportunity to take college level courses. This application must be renewed yearly and guidelines that include 6 benchmarks must be abided by during designation.
9. **Endorsements** – A defined pathway of education
10. **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
11. **HB5** - A student entering Grade 9 in the 2014 - 2015 school year and thereafter shall enroll in the courses necessary to complete the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school program and the curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement specified in HB 5
12. **IHE's** – Institutions of Higher Education (example TSC, UTB)
13. **Program of Study (POS)** – A set of courses that lead towards an identified degree
14. **Summer Bridge** – a program designed to prepare and ease the transition into the next grade level.
15. **Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI-A)** – The Texas Success Initiative, TSI, is an assessment testing program. Texas state law requires that all entering students be tested in reading, writing and mathematics before enrolling in college-level courses in any Texas public college or university. TSI replaces the former Accuplacer, Compass or THEA program. Assessment testing is used to determine whether or not students will need extra help (such as tutoring or developmental math, reading or writing courses) before they enroll in higher level courses
16. **TSI College ready** – the highest level of assessment (proficient) in the TSI test. Students reaching this level are ready to take on college courses.
17. **TSI Site Manager** - **Adds** users for site (site managers, proctors, site reporters) **Create/Edit** custom messages for site (welcome, score report message, test completion message, student instruction message...) **Edit** student demographics **Create** local tests for site only.
18. **TSI Site Proctor/s** - **Administers** tests, **Manage** open test sessions, **Manage** closed test sessions, **Perform** Student ID searches and **View Test** Progress Reports (Access to print individual score reports must be added by site manager)
19. **TSI Site Reporter/Site Score Reporter/Write Placer** - **Access** and print individual score reports (this access can also be given to the proctors but must be assigned by the site manager) **Access** to print essays
20. **TSI testing sites** – Sites that can administer the TSI test. Will be charged with keeping data reports for campus on who tested, what they tested on and all student demographics including what sub-population they came from.
21. **TSI-Pre-Assessment** – A pre-assessment that must be taken before the TSI test. A log of who tested and all demographics must be kept.



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Educate Texas' Common Acronyms	
Acronyms	Definitions
AEIS	Academic Excellence Indicator System
AIR	American Institutes of Research
AISD	Austin Independent School District
AP	Advance Placement
BISD	Brownsville Independent School District
CCRS	College & Career Readiness Standards
CFT	Communities Foundation of Texas
CI	Collective Impact
CIF	Common Instructional Framework
CTE	Career Technical Education
DC	Dual Credit
DCCCD	Dallas County Community College District
DISD	Dallas Independent School District
DOE	Department of Education
DOL	Department of Labor
ECHS	Early College High Schools
Eco Dis	Economically Disadvantage (qualifies for free/reduced lunch)
EOC	End of Course exams
EP	Education Pioneers
ER	Expense Report
ESC	Education Service Centers
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
HB5	House Bill 5
HS	High School
i3	Investing in Innovation Fund
IB	International Baccalaureate
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
IPSI	Institute for Public School Initiatives
ISD'S	Independent School Districts
JFF	Jobs For the Future
LDC	Literacy Design Collaborative
LEA	Local Education Agency
LF	Leadership Forum
LISD	Lancaster Independent School District
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NI	Nation Instruments
NSC	National Student Clearinghouse
NSTA	National Science Teachers Association



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NTGD or Giving Day	North Texas Giving Day
OGSM	Objectives, Goals, Strategies, & Measures
PBL	Project Based Learning
PD	Professional Development
PEIMS	Public Education Information Management System
PO	Program Officers
PSJA	Pharr-San Juan Alamo Independent School District (ISD)
RevGen	(fundraising or development)
RFP	Request for Proposal
RGV	Rio Grande Valley (Starr, Hidalgo, Willacy, & Cameron County)
SEA	State Education Agency
SIS	(JFF's) Student Information System
SPED	Special Education Services
STARR	Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STARR replaced TAKS in spring 2012)
T or T-drive	Network drive where docs are stored
TAKS	Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills
TAPR	Texas Academic Performance Reports
TASA	Texas Association of School Administrators
TASB	Texas Association of School Boards
TC/Tch/TCH	Teaching Channel
TEA	Texas Education Agency
TEKS	Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills
TFA	Teach For America
TG	Texas Guaranteed
THECB	The Higher Education Coordinating Board
TI	Texas Instruments
TRC	Texas Regional Collaboratives for Excellence in Science & Math
TSC	Texas Southmost College
TSI	Texas Success Initiative (college ready assessment)
T-STEM	Texas-Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
TTIPS	Texas Title I Priority Schools
TWC	Texas Workforce Commission
TXCAN	Texas College Access Network - part of NCAN (National College Access Network)
UTD	University of Texas at Dallas
UTPA	University of Texas Pan-American
WFS	Workforce Solutions
WGU	Western Governors University
XFT	Cross Functional Teams