



Mesquite Fire Department Required Documents Addendum

ASSESSMENT TESTING

ALL applicants to the EMT and Paramedic Certificate program **MUST** achieve minimum assessment scores in reading comprehension and math skills. *As of August 26, 2013, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is requiring all Texas public colleges and universities to begin administering the new Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. All new students who have not completed any college level coursework prior to 8/26/13 or met state-approved exemptions must adhere to the new TSI Assessment requirement.* Therefore, the Accuplacer, Compass, THEA and ASSET test are no longer offered as assessment tests to enter the program. Previously earned assessment test scores such as TAKS, STAAR, SAT, ACT, etc. may be considered.

Students may present any combination from the reading **and** math test columns below to fulfill the assessment testing requirement for application to the EMT and Paramedic Certificate program. Minimum acceptable scores for each test are indicated. SAT, ACT, TAKS and STAAR scores have a 5-year expiration date from the date of testing. The TLI expires 3 years after the testing date. TSI is good for only one semester and must be re-evaluated prior to program admission.

Reading Comprehension Tests

TSI Reading	351
SAT Verbal (Critical Reading)	500
ACT English (Reading)	19
Texas Learning Index (TLI)	89
Texas Learning Index (TLI)	86
STAAR EOC (ENG III) meet level 2 minimum	

Math Skills Assessment Test

TSI Math	336
SAT Math	500
ACT Math	19
TAKS (ELA)	2200
TAKS Math	2200
STAAR EOC (Algebra II) meet level 2 minimum	

YOU ARE EXEMPT if you meet and can document any of the following:

1. Have taken and made a “C” or better on a college level English 1301 course (reading comprehension met) or a Math 1300 level college course (math skill met).
2. Have an Associate’s degree from an accredited college.
3. Have a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college.
4. Are serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or the Texas National Guard.
5. Are a member of a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces and served for a minimum of the previous 3 years preceding enrollment.
6. Have served and have been honorably discharged, retired or released from active duty or are a member of a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces or Texas National Guard beginning on or after August 1, 1990.