Exemptions to the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) assessment and placement requirement include a student who:

- Has an ACT (taken within the last five years) composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on both the English and the Math tests;
- Has an SAT score (taken within the last five years) with a combined verbal and mathematics score of 1,070 and a minimum of 500 on both the verbal and the mathematics tests;
- Has achieved an exit-level score (within the last three-year period) on the ASSET or an approved alternative test;
- Has graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education;
- Transfers from an institution of higher education, from a private or independent institution of higher education or from an accredited out-of-state institution of higher education and has satisfactorily completed college-level work with at least nine college credit hours and a 2.0 GPA;
- Has previously attended an institution and has been determined to have met college readiness standards by that institution;
- Enrolls in a level-one certificate program of one year or less;
- Is serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces or Texas National Guard;
- Currently serves, and has served for at least the three-year period preceding enrollment, as a member of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces;
- On or after August 1, 1990 was honorably discharged, retired or released from active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces or the Texas National Guard;
- On or after August 1, 1990 was honorably discharged, retired or released from service as a member of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces.

Lamar State College – Orange requires assessment and placement for all students intending to enroll in a college-level math and/or English course. TSI exemptions do not apply to enrollment in those courses.