

December 8, 2020

SUBJECT:

Approval of a TSIA Remote Testing Fee beginning May 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

The District President recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed TSIA Remote Testing Fee, effective May 3, 2021 and allow the District President to make the necessary adjustments to the fee in the event the third-party vendor raises the cost for online proctoring.

RATIONALE:

The TSI Assessment (TSIA) is part of the Texas Success Initiative enacted by the Texas State Legislature to assess a student's readiness for college-level coursework. The TSIA exam is administered through the College Board's Accuplacer digital platform. To take the assessment on campus, a \$29 testing fee is charged. During the campus closure due to COVID-19, the College Board approved the use of a third-party vendor for the remote, online administration of the TSIA. In order for students not to be charged any additional fees due to campus closure, students paid the third-party vendor the \$20.00 proctoring fee directly and Collin did not assess the additional charge for the testing units. The College Board is continuing to allow remote testing and the vendor has raised the cost to \$25.00. Although onsite testing has resumed, Collin is continuing to offer online testing as an option. As it is currently administered, CARES Act funds are covering the cost of each testing unit for every online test administered through the third-party vendor. Given the expectation of the College Board's approval to continue third-party proctoring for online testing, the College is requesting approval to implement a \$40.00 TSIA Remote Testing Fee which will be paid directly to the College by the student to cover the costs of the testing unit (\$15.00) and the additional \$25.00 third-party charge as a flow through fee. The College will be invoiced by the third party for the online proctoring portion of the fee. In the event our approved vendor raises the online proctoring fee, the College is requesting the ability to adjust the remote testing fee according to the change in proctoring fee. Students electing to test onsite will continue to pay the approved \$29.00 fee.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION:

Without the implementation of the TSIA Remote Testing fee, the College will incur a loss for each testing unit administered in the online environment. The budgetary impact will be significant if the College Board continues to authorize the use of online, third-party proctoring for remote testing and the College is no longer able to off-set the loss using CARES Act funds.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Sherry Schumann, Ph.D., Executive Vice President
Dr. Jay Corwin, Chief Student Success Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

A) TSIA Remote Testing Fee Request Form

Respectfully Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sherry Schumann", is displayed on a light gray, textured rectangular background.

Sherry Schumann, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President