What is the Transcript Evaluation Service (TES)?

UC-POWERED

TES is a data tool for evaluating high-school transcripts, to help students achieve UC and CSU eligibility. The system, developed at UC's Office of the President, uses a proprietary algorithm to check students' progress toward "a-g" course completion.

UC-VERIFIED

When the automated analysis is complete, each transcript is manually reviewed for accuracy by a UC evaluator.

UC-RELIABLE

This two-step verification process results in the most accurate "a-g" transcript analysis available.

TES in Four Steps

1. ENROLL

Appropriate official signs TES contract agreement, whether for individual school or entire district.
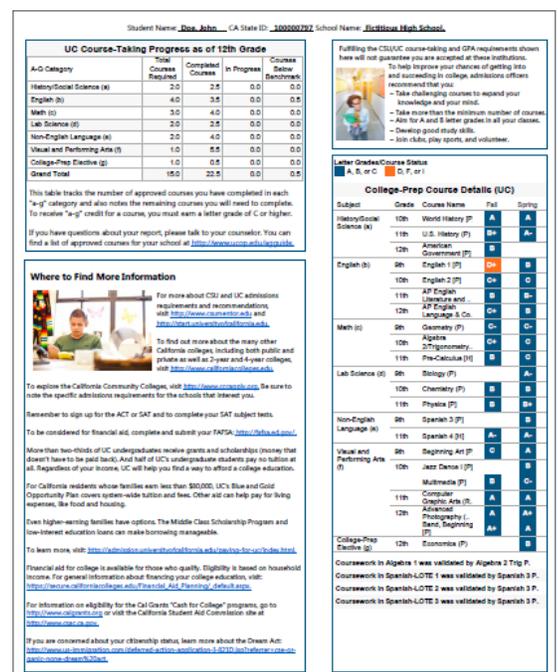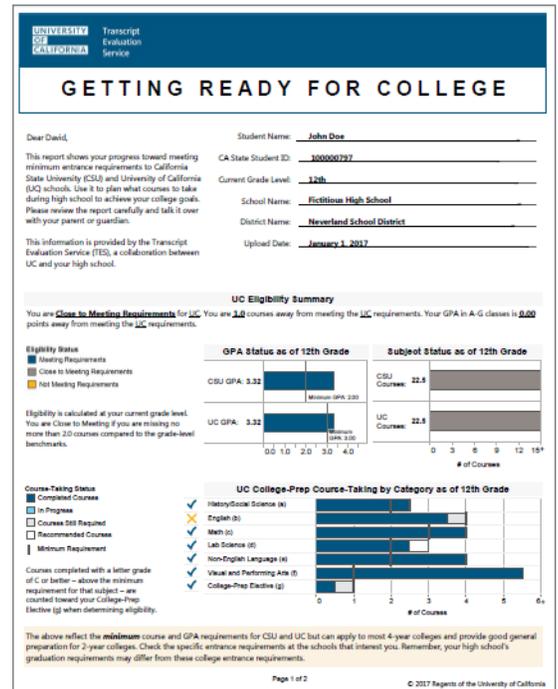
2. SEND

School uploads transcript data file to TES's secure servers.

3. EVALUATE

The system matches school data with UC's Course Management Portal (CMP) before UC evaluators review transcripts individually.

4. RETRIEVE

End users find student, school and/or district reports in their online accounts.

Interested in implementing TES in your school or district? Submit an inquiry using our web form at www.transcriptevaluationservice.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

What can the TES reports tell us about our school, district and individual students?

School- and district-level reports show your 9–12th-grade students' progress, by grade level, toward meeting the minimum "a-g" and GPA requirements for UC and CSU admission. This information about college eligibility can help administrators to plan curricula and schedules. Individual student reports are provided for each student whose record is evaluated. These individual reports give a snapshot of earned "a-g" course credits and of those still needed to meet UC and CSU requirements.

Does TES take into account UC-approved courses from past years, even if those courses are no longer offered at the school?

YES. TES will award credit for all "a-g" courses completed by the student, as long as the courses were on the school's UC-approved list when the student took them.

Does TES take college courses into account?

YES. If a student transcript includes college courses, TES will include them based on the courses' academic level (college level versus basic skills), subject area and transferability. Those aspects are verified through ASSIST, the database of course articulation for California community college courses.

Do students and parents have access to the TES student reports?

NO. Students and parents do not have direct online access. Instead, they receive student reports in English or Spanish from authorized TES users, e.g., teachers or guidance counselors.

Does TES take international students' courses into account?

YES. International courses will be considered as long as they have been established as equivalent to an "a-g" course at the new school and are listed on the student's transcripts with a letter grade and credits.

Are students' validations by exam included in the TES "a-g" eligibility analysis?

YES. Validations by exam are included, as long as the relevant assessment data are uploaded to TES by the district or school.

How many variables can TES consider in the student demographic filters?

The TES results produce more than 250 variables, including GPA (weighted, unweighted), economic disadvantage, gender and ethnicity. Specific programs or interventions can be included in the TES analysis, as long as they are in the data upload provided to TES. These may include, but are not limited to:

1. EAOP, PUENTE, MESA, AVID
2. Special education status (by designation)
3. English learner status (EO, RFEP, LTEL, FEP)
4. Foster youth
5. GATE and Linked Learning career academy

How long will it take to generate certified reports, once all the data are received?

Certified reports are generated after each quality control phase, in the spring and fall. It takes approximately two to four weeks to review and validate data to generate certified reports, including a review of the transcripts by UC evaluators. Preliminary reports are available throughout the year. There is no limit on the number of preliminary reports that a school or district may access.