



Fall 2005 CREDIT- BY- EXAM FOR ACCELERATION GUIDELINES

Credit by Exam (CBE) for Acceleration

Students in grades 6–12 who have **not** received prior formal instruction in courses may take an exam to receive credit in an academic subject with approval from the school counselor, registrar, or principal. Credit is only given for an academic subject if the student gets **90 percent** of the items correct on the exam. [Exception: Foreign Language with prior instruction (AISD Policy EEJB.)] Each test covers the essential knowledge and skills for one semester of the high school level course.

Grade 6 exams include Reading, English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science. Grade 7 and 8 exams cover the four core course areas.

CBE for Acceleration in a Foreign Language with Documented Prior Instruction

Students who have not taken a required foreign language course, but have had formal prior instruction in that same language and it is documented by a transcript, grade report or school record may take credit by exam in that language and pass with a score of 70. AISD will begin to offer a locally developed district exam for Spanish Levels 1 and Level 2 this fall. The exams will be administered on each campus instead of at the District CBE administrations. **IMPORTANT: The District exams are single exams that cover the entire year; they are not by semester and are only for Spanish Levels 1 and 2.** A student needing just one semester of Spanish 1 or 2, or either semester of Level 3 Spanish, would not be able to take this exam, but could take the UT or Texas Tech CBE exams administered through Systemwide Testing.

Registration Procedures

District students in grades 6-12 may apply with approval from a school counselor, registrar or principal. All students must have a parent's signature.

The attached registration form must be completed and received by the deadlines listed below. This form requires approval and signature by a counselor, registrar or principal, and a parent signature. **Return the applications to Kathryn Parr, in Systemwide Testing by:**

- **September 16, 2005 for the Saturday, October 8, 2005, administration at McCallum HS**
- **October 21, for the Saturday, November 12, 2005, administration at Travis HS**
- **November 18, for the Saturday, December 3, 2005, administration at McCallum HS**

This form is also available on the AISD web. Type "aisdweb" in the address bar of your Internet Browser, click on "Accountability Office", then click on "Systemwide Testing," go to the Online Library and select the form. You may then print it. You may also request the form from Systemwide Testing.

There will be no on-site registration. Students who miss this deadline or show up without prior registration cannot be tested. Students must bring a photo ID or will not be allowed to test.

CBE Cost

Systemwide Testing pays for the administration of Credit by Exam for Acceleration during the scheduled District Administrations. Testing at other times is at the expense of the student. Note: Credit by exam for recovery of credit (failed course) is at the student's expense.

CBE Test Administration Dates

Credit by Exam is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4.p.m. on:

- **Saturday, October 8, 2005, at McCallum High School**
- **Saturday, November 12, 2005 at Travis High School**
- **Saturday, December 3, 2005 at Travis High School**

Students may take a maximum of two exams per day.

Exam Preparation

Review sheets for High School Credit-by-Examination for Acceleration tests are available from Systemwide Testing or online via the Internet from UT and Texas Tech. Reviews for grades 1-8 are only available from Systemwide Testing; they are not available on UT's website yet.

UT review sheets for high school courses are available online at:

www.utexas.edu/cee/dec/k12/review.

To get review sheets for the **Texas Tech** exams, go to:

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/oes/K-12CBE.asp>

CBE reviews are a valuable tool, but are not comprehensive, and *do not necessarily cover all the material that will be in the test*. Students can use any Texas state-adopted textbook to study for the exam. Although the review material may suggest a specific book to use, CBE's are generic tests of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and are not tied specifically to a single book. Systemwide Testing does not provide textbooks. Detailed TEKS for courses are available on the AISD website through the links K-12/Curriculum/TEKS. **Remember the passing score for acceleration is 90 or higher**. If students are not prepared, the probability of passing is slim.

You may also call Kathryn Parr in Systemwide Testing: 414-0057 or ask your school counselor.

Scores:

Scores are received by Systemwide Testing from UT or Texas Tech in two to three weeks. Scores are then mailed to campus registrars and/or counselors.

COUNSELOR/REGISTRAR INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREDIT-BY-EXAMINATION APPLICATION

Please turn in a registration form for each student who wants to gain acceleration credit. A counselor, registrar or the principal must sign the AISD form for approval and indicate *with or without prior instruction*. Keep a copy on the campus, and send the original form to Kathryn Parr in Systemwide Testing.

This form is available on the AISD web. Type "aisdweb" in the address bar of your Internet Browser, click on "Accountability Office", then click on "Systemwide Testing," go to the Online Library and select the form. You may then print it.

- **Make sure the application is complete.** All applications require a campus approval signature, student social security number, birth date, Local ID number, and exam subjects requested. If the student does not have a social security number, write "none" in the blank, and he or she will be assigned a random ID number by UT or Texas Tech.
- A counselor, registrar, assistant principal, or principal must **complete** and **sign** the "Testing Approval" section of the application to verify students are taking exams for the appropriate courses. Indicate with or without prior instruction.
- Indicate the test source as either UT or Texas by checking the appropriate box
- **Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned to the campus.**
- **Students must bring a photo ID to the test administration.** Students will not be allowed to test without some kind of picture ID.
- Once the tests are ordered, the cost is not refundable. Please stress that students must honor their commitment to take the exams. If students must cancel, they must provide Systemwide Testing with sufficient notice.
- Systemwide Testing will supervise the exam.

AVAILABLE EXAMINATIONS

Exams are available from **The University of Texas** for the following courses:

GRADES 6, 7 AND 8:

Each test covers the essential knowledge and skills for a whole year.

6th Grade

English Language Arts
English Language Arts Reading
Social Studies
Science

7th GRADE

Language Arts
Life Science
Mathematics
Texas History & Geography

8th GRADE

Earth Science
Language Arts
Mathematics
U.S. History & Citizenship

GRADES 9 – 12

Each test covers the essential knowledge and skills for one semester (1/2 unit).

BUSINESS EDUCATION

- * BCIS 1A and 1B - Business Computer Information Systems
 - * Computer Science I & II (C++ or Pascal)
- Mathematical Models with Applications, First Semester
- * **Students must schedule to take these tests at the UT Testing Center.**

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

English 1A and 1B
English 2A and 2B
English 3A and 3B

UT Exams (continued)

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Individual & Family Life

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French 1A and 1B

French 2A and 2B

German 1A and 1B

German 2A and 2B

Spanish 1A and 1B

Spanish 2A and 2B

Spanish 3A and 3B

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Foundations of Personal Fitness (PE 1A)

Health Education 1A

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1A and 1B

Algebra 2A and 2B

Geometry 1A and 1B

Precalculus A and B

SCIENCE

Biology 1A and 1B

Integrated Physics and Chemistry A and B

SOCIAL STUDIES

Economics FE - Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits

U.S. Government

U.S. History Studies Since Reconstruction A and B

World Geography Studies A and B

World History Studies A and B

*** NOT available at group testing - must make special arrangements**

The following exams for acceleration are available from **Texas Tech University**:

Grades 9-12:

BUSINESS EDUCATION

ACCT 1A and 1B- Accounting
BCIS 1A and 1B - Business Computer Information Systems
BLAW 1A and 1B - Business and Consumer Law
IBUS 1A and 1B - Introduction to Business
RECK 1A and 1B - Record Keeping

ECONOMICS

ECN - Economics: Fundamentals of the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

CMAP - Communication Applications
ENG 9A and 9B
ENG 10A and 10B
ENG 11A and 11B
ENG 12A and 12B
JOUR 1A and 1B

FINE ARTS

ART 1A and 1B
MHIS 1A and 1B

HEALTH

HLED

HOME ECONOMICS EDUCATION

CD - Child Development
IFL - Individual and Family Life
NFS - Nutrition and Food Science
PFD 1A and 1B - Personal and Family Development

LANGUAGES

FREN 1A and 1B
FREN 2A and 2B
GERM 1A and 1B
GERM 2A and 2B
LAT 1A and 1B
LAT 2A and 2B
SPAN 1A and 1B
SPAN 2A and 2B
SPAN 3A and 3B

Texas Tech Exams (continued)

MATHEMATICS

ALG 1A and 1B
ALG 2A and 2B
GEOM 1A and 1B
MMOD 1A and 1B - Mathematical Models with Applications
PALG 1A and 1B - Pre-Algebra I (local credit only)
PCAL 1A and 1B - Precalculus

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

FPF - Foundations of Personal Fitness
PEIN – Individual Sports (Bowling/Tennis)
PETM – Team Sports (Soccer/Volleyball)

SCIENCE

BIO 1A and 1B
CHEM 1A and 1B
INPS 1A and 1B - Introduction to Physical Science
PHSC 1A and 1B - Physical Science
PHY 1A and 1B - Physics
IPC 1A and 1B - Integrated Physics and Chemistry

SOCIAL STUDIES

GEO 1A and 1B - World Geography Studies
GOVT - United States Government
HIST 1A and 1B - United States History
HIST 2A and 2B - World History Studies
PSY - Psychology
SOC - Sociology

TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

CS 1A and 1B - Computer Science (C++)
BCIS 1A and 1B – Business Computer Information Systems
ISTA A and B – Independent Study in Technology Applications
WEB 1A and 1B – Web Mastering



Credit by Exam Registration Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print in ink)

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Soc. Security or State-assigned #	Local ID #	Birthdate	Campus Name
Name:			
Last	First	M.I.	
Address:			
Street	Apt. #		
City	State	ZIP	
Phone:		email:	
CBE for acceleration (no prior instruction) <input type="checkbox"/>		Students may not register for a CBE exam for a class in which they are enrolled in the current semester	
CBE for credit validation (transfer from nonaccredited school only) <input type="checkbox"/>			
CBE with prior formal foreign language instruction <input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Prior = documented formal study of foreign language with grade report	
Testing Location: AISD <input type="checkbox"/> UT Testing Center <input type="checkbox"/>			
Testing Date: Oct. 8 '05 <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 12 '05 <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 3 '05 <input type="checkbox"/>			
		LIMIT 2 CBE EXAMS PER DAY	
SUBJECTS REQUESTED:	Semester A or B	UT Exam	Texas Tech Exam
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TESTING APPROVAL (Please print in ink)

Registration approved by: (Registrar, counselor, or principal)

Name: _____ Title: _____

School name: _____

School phone: _____

Campus Approval Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

<i>Student Signature:</i>	Date:
<i>Parent Signature:</i>	Date:

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Fax or mail completed form to Kathryn Parr in Systemwide Testing: 414-1774