

Credit by Exam (CBE)

Kindergarten

To be considered for placement into first grade through Credit by Exam the student must be at least 5 years of age by September 1st. Parents will meet with counselor to receive an application and submit it by the deadline. The student must attain a minimum score of 80 on all four (language arts, math, science and social studies) Kindergarten Credit by Exams. Parents should also be aware there is only one window for testing per calendar year with no exceptions to ordering deadlines. There is no retest for Kindergarten Credit by Exams and results and placements are final.

Grades 1-5

Exam for Acceleration without prior instruction is available for students in grades 1-5 who wish to advance one grade level. Examinations are criterion-referenced tests based on assessments of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for each grade level from Texas Tech University. A student in grades 1-5 must take exams in the four core subject areas (language arts, math, science, and social studies) for the grade he/she wishes to be eligible to advance. The student must score at least an 80% on each of the four core subject exams to be considered for acceleration. Credit By Exam is a fee-based program and fees are the responsibility of the student/student's family. A district representative must recommend acceleration of the student.

Grades 6-12

Secondary students who wish to earn credit for a course in which they have had no prior instruction, may test through exam for acceleration. Examinations are criterion-referenced tests from Texas Tech University, or other testing instruments approved by the Superintendent or designee. A student must demonstrate mastery of 80% or above on the exam in order to earn credit. Student must have written approval from their parent/guardian and a recommendation letter from their teacher before they are to register for a CBE. Credit by Exam is a fee-based program and all fees are the responsibility of the student/student's family. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to take exams for acceleration only for core courses for which there is no End-of-Course assessment required for graduation or for a course needed for graduation requirements or for the chosen graduation plan. When a student receives credit for a course, district personnel will record the examination score on the transcript. Students who do not score at 80% or above on the Exam for Acceleration will be required to enroll in the

course and satisfactorily complete the course to earn credit. A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course more than two times. TAC §74.24(EHDC Legal)

Vendor

Texas Tech University

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/k12/>

Credit by Exam Calendar Dates

Alto ISD and Alto HS will administer Credit by Exams two times per year, once in October and once in January. Additionally, Region 7 Education Center will offer Credit by Exam tests in June and July. The deadline for applications to be turned into the campus counselor is **four weeks** before the testing window opens.

The following Credit by Exam assessment windows are available for the 2020-21 school year:

October 26-30, 2020

*September 28, 2020 Registration & fees due

February 1-5, 2021

*January 11, 2021 Registration & fees due

June 9 & 10, 2021 Region 7 Education Service Center

July 8 & 9, 2021 Region 7 Education Service Center