

2020-2021 Credit by Exam & Exams for Acceleration



Exam Dates

Elementary/Middle School	
Testing Window	Application Due Date
SEPT 28-OCT 9	SEPT 4
High School	
Testing Window	Application Due Date
SEPT 28-OCT 6	SEPT 4
All Grade Levels	
Testing Window	Application Due Date
FEB 22-MAR 5	JANUARY 15
JUNE 7-10	MAY 3
JULY 12-15	MAY 3

All Credit by Exams are only offered online. Only applications submitted by the counselor will be accepted. Contact the school counselor for more information about registration. **Late and/or incomplete applications will not be processed.**

Cancellations/No Shows

Students have two attempts at CBEs/EAs. Cancellation or no shows that occur after exams have been ordered may constitute one attempt.

Math Acceleration

Single subject acceleration is available only in mathematics, and is provided during the testing windows listed above. Student performance data must be included with the application. Students scoring an 80% or higher on the exams are eligible for acceleration. Students only through 8th grade math achieving the required score in October may accelerate immediately; those achieving the required score in March, June, or July may accelerate

GRADE LEVEL ACCELERATION (GRADES 1-8)

Exams for Acceleration (EA) offer students in grades 1-8 the opportunity to advance one grade level by scoring 80% or higher in each of the four required subject areas. Students desiring to advance one grade level will need the signature of their parent/guardian as well as the building principal or designee. Student performance data must be included with the application. Testing is free for all enrolled SBISD students. Kindergarten students are not eligible for testing until the summer prior to the first grade year.

Courses required for acceleration:

- > Grade Level Math
- > Grade Level Social Studies
- > Grade Level Science
- > Grade Level Language Arts

The math exam will be administered first. A score of 80% or higher is required on each test to advance to the next exam. Fall and spring exams are administered at the student's home campus; summer exam locations will be announced.

Study Guides for EA and CBE assessments may be found at the following link. Some exams require reading of novels (ELA), participation logs (PE), or portfolios (Art); those requirements are listed in the study guides. https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe_study_guides

CREDIT BY EXAM*

Credit by Exam (CBE) offers students the opportunity to gain course credit in the subject area(s) being tested. CBEs may be taken with or without prior instruction, and testing is free for all enrolled SBISD students. Fall and Spring exams are administered at the student's home campus; summer exams are administered at a location to be announced.

High School courses are tested by semester and most have two semesters. When high school course credit is earned through Credit by Exam, the course and the score of the test are posted to the student's transcript. However, the score will not impact the student's Grade Point Average.

Exams available include:

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| > English I | > Algebra I | > US History | > Physics |
| > English II | > Algebra II | > World Geo. | > IPC |
| > English III | > Geometry | > World Hist. | > Health* |
| > English IV | > Pre-Calculus | > Biology | > Economics* |
| | > MMA | > Economics | > Government* |

* One semester classes

Additional exams may be found at <https://utexas.app.box.com/v/uths-cbe-available>

Languages Other Than English (LOTE) - Levels 1-4, except Vietnamese

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| > Arabic | > Hindi | > Mandarin (Simple & Traditional) |
| > French | > Italian | > Polish |
| > German | > Japanese | > Russian |
| > Hebrew | > Korean | > Spanish |
| | | > Vietnamese (Levels 1-2 Only) |

Sample Tests may be found at <http://avantassessment.com/sample-tests>

* Policy EHDC (Legal)

A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course more than two times. If a student fails to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course before the beginning of the school year in which the student would ordinarily be required to enroll in that course in accordance with the district's prescribed course sequence, the student must satisfactorily complete the course to receive credit for the course.