



## Clear Creek ISD Credit by Examination (CBE) - Kindergarten Acceleration

Clear Creek ISD offers Credit by Examination for Kindergarten acceleration in accordance with the Texas State Board of Education rules and District policy. The purpose of Credit by Exam is to allow a student to accelerate and earn credit *without prior formal instruction* in that grade.

### **Criteria for Kindergarten Acceleration**

Texas state law requires students must be 5 years old on or before September 1 to be enrolled in kindergarten. If a student is currently enrolled in a private kindergarten school and will be 5 years old on or before September 1, they are eligible to register for the kindergarten Credit by Examination in the summer; however, if the student will not be 5 years old by September 1, they are not eligible for the kindergarten Credit by Examination.

The CCISD Board of Trustees has approved the following criteria to allow a child who is five years old at the beginning of the school year to be assigned initially to grade 1 rather than to kindergarten.

Criteria for acceleration:

- A score of 80 percent or higher on District-approved readiness tests and/or achievement tests that may be administered by appropriate District personnel in each of the core areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- A letter of recommendation from the preschool or kindergarten class the student has attended.
- Successful completion of a two- to four-week placement in a class where chronological age and social and emotional development of the student is observed.
- The recommendation of the grade placement committee, consisting of the school counselor, principal, advanced academic facilitator, and a teacher with knowledge of the grade level and content areas.
- Written parental approval.

Please note that for students to be successful on the ELA kindergarten acceleration exam, it is recommended that students are reading at a *minimum* level of a D to E, which in numerical conversions spans *levels 6-8. Student must comprehend text at a high level.*

*Source: [CCISD Policy EHDC\(Local\)](#) Alternative Methods for Earning Credit: Credit by Examination Without Prior Instruction.*

### **Registration Information**

The Kindergarten acceleration request form is available on the [Clear Creek ISD website](#) (ccisd.net > Departments > Assessment & Evaluation > Assessment > Credit by Examination (CBE)). Upon completion of the request form, meet with the school counselor at the school in which the student will be enrolled for Kindergarten.

Late request forms will not be accepted.

A confirmation letter will be sent to the students' home address via US mail and parent's electronic mail approximately 3 weeks prior to testing. The letter will provide the test(s) the student will be administered, allowable materials for use on the test as well as the test location, date and time. Be sure to retain the confirmation letter and email and closely read the testing information.

### **Kindergarten Acceleration Testing Window**

Kindergarten acceleration assessments are offered in only one window during the summer of each calendar year. There are no exceptions to ordering deadlines. Refer to the posted calendar on the [Clear Creek ISD website](#) for specific registration and testing dates.

### **Test Information**

Each Credit by Examination assessment has a maximum three (3) hour time limit.

### **Retest Information**

There is no retest for Kindergarten acceleration.

### **Study Guides**

[University of Texas UT High School](#)

### **Test Results**

Test results and placements are final. If it is found to be in the best interest of the student's academic and affective needs, the committee may make a recommendation to the Superintendent or designee for Kindergarten acceleration. The student's parents shall be notified by letter of the approval or denial of student acceleration.

### **Score Reports**

Score reports following the Credit by Examination assessment administration will be sent to the students' home address via US mail and parent's electronic mail. A copy of the score report will also be sent to the campus in which the student will attend.

### **Questions?**

Contact the school counselor at the school in which the student will be enrolled for Kindergarten acceleration questions.



**2021  
Credit by Examination (CBE) Calendar  
Kindergarten Acceleration**

<b>Testing Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Registration Opens</b>	<b>Registration Closes</b>
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 and Tuesday, August 3, 2021	TBD	Monday, May 10, 2021	Friday, May 21, 2021



## Request for Grade Acceleration for Students Entering Kindergarten

Please complete this form and return it to the school counselor by the registration deadline for the requested testing date as indicated under test information.

For Kindergarten acceleration, (1) student must be enrolled in Clear Creek ISD, (2) student must be 5 years old on or before September 1, (3) campus principal's recommendation for student's participation in the CBE accelerated administration, (4) written parent approval, and (5) student must achieve 80 or above on each of the four assessments – mathematics, language arts, social studies, and science.

Contact the school counselor if you have questions.

*(Please print)*

### Student Information

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's ID# (including leading zeros): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Gender:                      Male                      Female

Student's Ethnicity:                  Hispanic                  Non-Hispanic

Student's Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Next Year Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Test information

Grade Level Requesting to Test: Kindergarten

Test Date:

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 and Tuesday, August 3, 2021

**Registration deadline – Friday, May 21, 2021**

## Request for Grade Acceleration for Students Entering Kindergarten

### Parent Acknowledgments

By signing this form, I attest that:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (*student's name*) will be 5 years of age on or before September and is currently enrolled in Kindergarten the Clear Creek ISD.
- I have read the information the District has provided to me regarding examinations for acceleration;
- I understand that the District will not provide transportation to the testing site, which might be outside the District;
- I understand that, in addition to achieving a score of 80 or above in language arts, mathematics, reading, and social studies, the Campus Principal must also recommend my child for acceleration;
- I understand that if my child fails to achieve the designated score on each assessment before the beginning of the school year in which he or she would ordinarily be required to enroll in Kindergarten, then my child will be enrolled in Kindergarten; and
- I approve of my child's acceleration or receipt of credit if he or she meets the passing standard (*if applicable*).

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Principal's Recommendation

(Check one)

- The student has met the District's criteria and is approved to participate in the Fall CBE Administration of the Kindergarten assessments (mathematics, language arts, social studies, and science).
- The student is not approved to participate in the Fall CBE administration for the Kindergarten assessment.

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Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_