

ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT  
CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITH PRIOR INSTRUCTION

EHDB  
(REGULATION)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE  
CREDIT BY  
EXAMINATION

A student who speaks another language(s) is encouraged to take credit by examination (CBE). A student will receive one year of credit for each exam level passed and will advance to a level commensurate with the student's skills. A student may test no more than once a year in the same level. A student may test a total of two times at the same level.

Procedures are described in the District student handbook. A student should confer with the teacher and/or counselor, fill out the application and return it as directed at least three days prior to the scheduled testing. All information is available online at <http://cms.springbranchisd.com/forlang/CreditbyExam/tabid/2501/Default.aspx>

PLACEMENT TEST OR  
CBE

To determine the most appropriate level for each student, especially those entering the grade 8 AP program, the District departmental final examinations will be used. CBE is administered for credit, not for placement.

Because of time constraints, CBE testing should occur no later than April so that counselors have an opportunity to post results before mid-June.

The numerical grade will be posted on the transcript if credit is awarded, per state requirements. Grades earned through credit by examination will not be used in determining grade point averages.

LANGUAGES NOT  
TAUGHT IN THE  
DISTRICT

To take CBE for a foreign language not taught in the District, prior approval from the office of accountability and research is required. A student should confer with the counselors about taking the SAT from the College Board in a language in which the student is proficient. A student must arrange, register, pay for the tests, and have reports forwarded to the high school. Credit is awarded according to the following scores:

450 – 500	one year
501 – 550	two years
551 – 600	three years
601 +	four years

All other sources for foreign language credit by examination must be approved by the department of research and accountability prior to taking the examination.

To reinforce and review core skills, it is imperative that counselors and teachers monitor progress in every possible way to actively encourage Pre-AP and AP foreign language classes. Because of superior language skills, the AP middle school students should al-

ways continue with upper levels of the same language or begin the study of another language when they enter high school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AP /  
TESTING / CREDIT  
CLASSES

In high school AP classes, a student receives credit for the AP class even if he or she does not take the AP test. The credit is noted on the student's transcript. The following scenario should provide consistency with other AP instruction and facilitate giving appropriate CBE credit in a timely manner:

- At nine weeks, CBE level 1 is given as an in-class test. Each student who passes receives one CBE credit.
- At 18 weeks, CBE level 2 is the midterm final examination. CBE credit (second level) is given to all who score 75 or better. At this point, some students may wish to exit the program if their grades are borderline. The two credits earned would be posted on the transcript and the student could begin another elective at midterm.
- At 27 weeks, CBE level 3 is given as an in-class test. Each student who passes receives CBE credit (third level). If a student does not pass, the student is allowed to continue in the course.
- At the end of the spring term, students may take another version of CBE level 3 (if they were not previously successful). If a student did not pass CBE level 3, the student will take a final examination just as high school students do.
- All students remaining in the class in May will be encouraged to take the AP test. If a student passes CBE levels 1, 2, and 3, but does not make at least a "3" on the AP test, the student will not receive college credit. However, the student can still receive high school credit for the language taken if the final average is passing.