

## Information for Families Enrolling from Homeschool/Non-Accredited Schools

*What if I decide to homeschool my child or enroll in a non-accredited school and want to enroll/re-enroll in CISD?*

### **Placement for Grades K-8**

A student enrolling in CISD from a non-accredited public, private, or parochial school, including homeschool, shall be placed initially at the discretion of the principal, pending observation by classroom teachers, counselors, and the principal. Factors considered in placement may include:

- Any academic records or grades provided by the sending school
- Appropriate age/grade placement
- Social-emotional development of the student
- Previous grade levels and enrollments
- Parents may also provide any syllabi or curriculum links to the homeschool or non-accredited entity
- Required placement testing

### **Enrollment of Students in 9th Grade**

If a student does not have a record showing promotion from 8th to 9th grade from an accredited school, the student will enroll at the middle school they are zoned to attend. Once the student is enrolled, they will take Credit By Exams for the following core subjects: 8th English Language Arts, 8th Math, 8th Science, and 8th Social Studies. To be promoted to 9th-grade students must earn a 70% or above on all exams.

If a student does not meet these testing standards, the campus will look at the placement considerations outlined above in grades K-8, and the final placement decision will be made at the discretion of the campus administration.

### **Grade 9-12 High School Credits**

When a student enrolls, any credits awarded by a non-accredited entity, including homeschool, will need to be verified by utilizing credit by exam (CBE). All students will be provisionally enrolled based on previous academic records and will be CBE tested using TEKS-aligned, local assessments to verify credits. Students will not be allowed to enroll in classes with a prerequisite in which the prerequisite has not been verified by a CBE.

### **What is considered accredited?**

- Texas public schools/charter schools
- Out-of-state public schools/charter schools
- Private schools in Texas are listed here:
  - [www.tepsac.org](http://www.tepsac.org) This checks for accredited private schools in TX.
- When looking for accreditation outside of those listed above, often you can visit the website of the school and look for the accreditation information. It is usually listed in the About Us or Academics section.
  - Cognia/AdvancED, <https://home.cognia.org/p/registry>
  - Department of Ed accreditation list:  
[https://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation\\_pg6.html#NationallyRecognized](https://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation_pg6.html#NationallyRecognized)

Recommendations from TEA regarding Homeschool: [TEA and Homeschool](#)