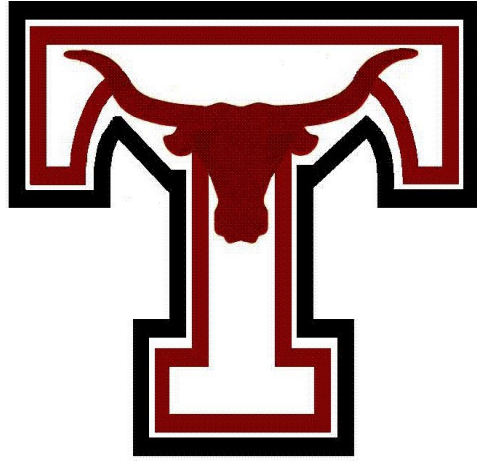
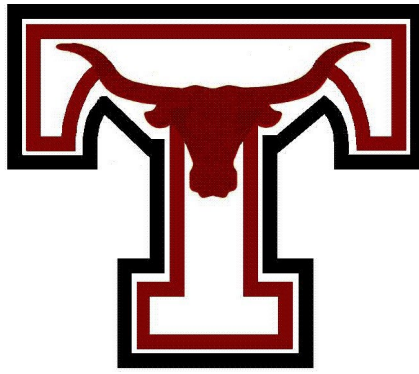




**Credit by Exam / Grade
Acceleration
Registration Packet**

Tarkington ISD



Public Notification

Tarkington Independent School District offers students currently enrolled in grades K through 12 the opportunity to take Grade Acceleration / Credit by Exam tests (CBE). The exams will be administered on the dates indicated on the TISD District Testing calendar in each of the state-required testing windows.

For Grade Acceleration without prior instruction, students in grades K-8 must score 80 percent or higher on all exams in order to advance to the next grade level. In grades 9-12, students take exams for each course to earn credit and advance.

For Credit by Exam with prior instruction, students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to retake a course to regain credit. Students must score 70 percent or higher on all exams in order to receive credit.

Interested students can be registered for testing opportunities by completing and returning the required registration form to their campus counselor by the deadlines indicated on the form. Students and their parents should visit with their school counselor regarding registration and eligibility.

About Credit by Exam / Grade Acceleration

- These are rigorous assessments that thoroughly test the student's knowledge of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills of a course or grade level. By applying, it is presumed that the student has already acquired the necessary skills ***without prior instruction***.
- A review of the objectives / detailed information covered on each test for which a student registers can be accessed online at: <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/k12/cbe/review/>. Students are responsible for accessing and reviewing these objectives before the test dates. Some required reading of lengthy novels may be required.
- Examinations are criterion-referenced tests from Texas Tech University and approved by the Board of Trustees.
- There is no charge for the tests given on the scheduled dates; however, registration forms **MUST** be submitted by the deadlines noted on the bottom of the registration form to allow ample time for ordering and receiving test materials. All tests are in English.

Grade Acceleration without Prior Instruction

It is recommended that parents talk with their child's teacher about observations of the child's use of advanced vocabulary, achievement at a level well above average, maturity factors, and strong academic abilities in order to determine if the testing is appropriate. These tests are for a grade level at which the student has received ***no prior instruction***. The purpose of CBE is to allow students to accelerate past a grade in elementary school, beginning with kindergarten.

Grade Acceleration Kindergarten to First Grade

- A parent or district representative **MUST** recommend the acceleration of a student (Principal or counselor signature required on application).
- A parent or guardian approves acceleration of the student (*parent signature required on application*).
- Students must score 80% or above on all four (4) core subject area tests for kindergarten.
- **A campus committee must review all materials before a final decision is made to accelerate the student.**

Grade Acceleration Grades 1-8

- A parent or district representative **MUST** recommend the acceleration of a student (Principal or counselor signature required on application).
- A parent or guardian approves acceleration of the student (*parent signature required on application*).
- Students must score 80% or above on all four (4) core subject area tests for the grade level desired to accelerate.

Required Tests for Elementary Acceleration				
	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
K to 1st grade	X	X	X	X
1st grade to 2nd	X	X	X	X
2nd grade to 3rd	X	X	X	X
3rd grade to 4th	X	X	X	X
4th grade to 5th	X	X	X	X

Required Tests for Secondary Acceleration (Junior High)				
	Language Arts (2 parts)	Math (2 parts)	Science (2 parts)	Social Studies (2 parts)
5 th grade to 6 th	X	X	X	X
6 th grade to 7 th	X	X	X	X
7 th grade to 8 th	X	X	X	X

Grade Acceleration 9-12

- **Credit by Examination is offered to students as an opportunity to receive credit for a course in which the student has received no prior instruction. A student may receive credit for one course per subject area (9-12) in each testing period.**
- A parent or guardian approves acceleration of the student (*parent & student signature required on application*).
- Students must score 80% or above to receive credit. If such credit is given, the score will be entered on the student's transcript.
- Students are not required to complete the EOC for High School courses that have an established EOC associated with credit.

Middle School Courses: ELA 6-8 Math 6-8 Science 6-8 Social Studies 6-8	High School Courses: Algebra I-II Geometry Pre-Calculus Biology Chemistry Physics Integrated Physics & Chemistry English I-IV Economics Government US History World Geography World History Art Business Info. Mgmt. Psychology Sociology Spanish I-II	EHDC-TISD Local WITHOUT prior instruction EHDC-TISD Legal WITHOUT prior instruction EHDB-TISD Local WITH prior instruction EHDB-TISD Legal WITH prior instruction
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Secondary Credit by Exam with Prior Instruction 6-12

Credit by Examination **with prior instruction** is also offered to secondary students for the following three reasons: the student is enrolling in TISD from a non-accredited school (see FD), the student has failed a subject or course, or the student has earned a passing grade in a subject or course but has failed to earn credit or a final grade because of excessive absences (see FEC).

- **A student may receive credit for one course per subject area (9-12) in each testing period.**
- A parent or guardian must approve credit by exam for the student (*parent & student signature required on application*).
- Students must score 70% or above to regain credit. If such credit is given, the score will be entered on the student's transcript.

Procedures for Registration and Testing

- Step 1: Students and parents visit with the school counselor regarding eligibility.
- Step 2: Pick up the registration packet and application from the school counselor.
- Step 3: Return completed application form ***by the published deadline.***
- Step 4: The student will follow all district testing policies and procedures.
- Step 5: After testing is complete, all tests will be scored by Texas Tech University.
- Step 6: Students and parents will be notified of scores by the school counselor or school principal and will receive a “Results Report.”