



2025-2026 Credit by Examination (CBE)

Requirements and Acknowledgements:

Credit by Examination (CBE) **Without Prior Instruction**

- CBE's are available K-12 for Beaumont ISD enrolled and active students. For a complete list of available tests click on <https://utexas.app.box.com/v/uths-cbe-available>
- Secondary students (grades 6-12) may be placed out of courses or gain credit if they have had no prior instruction in the courses for which credit is sought by taking a Credit by Examination.
- Students are required to have written permission and gain approval from the parent and counselor.
- Students may only gain credit for a foreign language course (LOTE) if they are enrolled in grades 8-12 (except for Odom Academy students). Spanish 3 assessment is available for credit, but parents must pay for the tests as this course is not mandatory for graduation..
- A minimum score of 80 on the exam is required for credit to be earned. A student must earn at least an 80 on each semester assessment to average both semester exams and receive credit for the entire course. If credit is awarded, then both exam scores are recorded on the student's transcript.
- CBE scores for high school credit courses will be calculated in the student's GPA.
- No PreAdvanced/AP credit can be earned through Credit by Exam.
- **No EOC subjects are eligible for CBE's.**
- Student athletes should also be aware that the NCAA does not recognize the credits earned through Credit by Exam.
- It is highly encouraged for middle school counselors to identify Spanish speaking students that may take advantage of this opportunity to earn credit for Spanish 1 and 2 before they move to 9th grade.
- **For students planning to skip a grade, CBE's will be only offered in the months of May, June, and July.**

Process:

1. The teacher or parent recommends a student.
2. They contact the School Counselor for more information or complete [an application](#). If the parent completes the application **please alert the Office of Research, Planning and Evaluation that a request has been submitted** by emailing Dannette Menéndez at dmenend@bmtisd.com.
3. A screening **must be completed** by the teacher or counselor and in collaboration with the school principal to ensure the student has potential to pass the test if available. Previous STAAR results and grades will be evaluated to determine eligibility. Study guides are available at https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe_study_guides. In addition, use TEKS for the eligible courses to guide your screening at <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/curriculum-standards/teks/texas-essential-knowledge-and-skills>
4. Screening for Spanish 1 and 2 courses: ¡Así se Dice!-Credit by Examination or recommended by their Spanish teacher using her own screening. <https://app.tango.us/app/workflow/Asi-se-Dice--Credit-by-Examination-5fda91baa71e4a1f99a5f635cb5f612a>
5. After screening is completed, the counselor will submit a form in Eduphoria requesting the test before the registration deadline. The counselor must consider where the student will be placed AFTER passing CBE. Is there another class available that will replace the current one and also fits in his/her schedule? If not, do not continue with the process and inform the parent and the student.
6. The principal will approve the request and the test will be ordered.
7. The submitter must let the testing coordinator know the list of approved students eligible to coordinate testing.
8. The test will be administered according to the district calendar available at by clicking [here](#). During the months from September to May testing will be at the student's home campus and the test will be administered by the campus testing coordinator or designee. During the months of June, July, and August testing will be administered in the administration building.
9. **After CBE's are ordered, it will be expected that the student shows up and takes it. School is responsible for ensuring attendance and cost of the test(s) if not used.**
10. To earn credit, the student must score at least 80% on each test.

Credit by Examination (CBE) With Prior Instruction

In accordance with local policy, [a student in any of grades 6–12](#) may be given credit for an academic subject in which he or she had some prior instruction if the student scores 70 percent on a criterion-referenced test approved by the board for the applicable course. 19 TAC 74.24(c)(12)

11. Credit by Examination with **Prior Instruction** Credit by Examination with Prior Instruction for credit recovery is only for Beaumont ISD students who were enrolled in a core course during the previous school year or those students who the Campus Attendance Committee requires to take the exam due to excessive absences.
12. A student may regain a maximum of two credits through Credit by Examination with Prior Instruction during high school. Students must score 70 percent or above.
13. Students who qualify may take one or both semester exams, as needed, from the following courses: examination. The exams allow qualified students the opportunity to replace the failing grade with a 70. This is the grade recorded on the student's transcript and will count in the calculation of GPA. The cost of taking credit by examination with prior instruction for credit restoration will be the student's or the parent's responsibility.
14. The same procedure to request the test will apply. **The parent will have to provide payment prior to ordering the tests. The cost for each test is \$25.**