

ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT
CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION

EHDC
(REGULATION)

STUDENTS UNDER STATE
MINIMUM AGE

KINDERGARTEN	In accordance with state law, the District only accepts students in kindergarten if they are age five by September 1 of the school year in which the student is enrolling.
FIRST GRADE	If a student is at least age five but not yet age six by September 1, the student may be permitted to enroll in first grade under the following conditions:
PUBLIC SCHOOL	1. The parent or guardian has conferred with the receiving campus principal, and 2. The student successfully completed public school kindergarten or has been enrolled in the first grade in a public school in another state prior to transferring to a Texas public school, and 3. The previous public school has recommended promotion to the first grade based on academic, social and emotional skills, and 4. The parent or guardian has given written permission for the student to enroll in first grade. [See EHDC(EXHIBIT)]
NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL	1. The parent or guardian has conferred with the receiving campus principal, and 2. The student successfully completed kindergarten in a private, parochial, charter, virtual or home school, and 3. The previous school has recommended promotion to the first grade based on academic, social and emotional ability, and 4. The student has demonstrated content mastery as determined by achieving the district passing score required for credit by examination without prior instruction on district-approved and district-administered assessments in each of the three areas of reading, writing and math, and 5. The parent or guardian has given written permission for the student to enroll in first grade, if approved. [See EHDC(EXHIBIT)]

LIMITATIONS	If a student plans to take an examination for credit by examination without prior instruction, the student must be enrolled and the parent must make arrangements with the principal or counselor no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled testing date.
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If the student fails to meet the passing score on the required assessments before the beginning of the school year, he or she will be enrolled in the grade level or course to be taken if he or she had not passed.

The grade awarded through credit by examination without prior instruction will be the competency test score. In accordance with TEA guidelines, once credit is earned for a course, the grade will be recorded on the student's transcript and can only be changed in accordance with law.