



Examination for Acceleration 2026-2027

Dear Parent/Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Examination for Acceleration testing program. Secondary students may earn credit in academic subjects, and elementary students may accelerate a grade level, by passing the appropriate examinations for acceleration. Exams will be offered for all elementary grades and most TEKS-based courses in grades 6-12 (please check the website below for a list of available tests, as well as access to review sheets).

https://highschool.utexas.edu/credit_by_exam

The purpose of examination for acceleration is to allow a student to accelerate and earn credit for a particular course or grade level without formal instruction in that course or grade level. The student must score a minimum of 80% on the required tests taken for the appropriate course/grade level that the student wishes to accelerate out of. For a student to earn credit in a year-long middle or high school course, the student must sign up for both semester exams (e.g. Geometry A and Geometry B). Elementary students must earn 80% on each grade level exam (language arts, math, science, and social studies) in order to accelerate.

Any RISD student currently enrolled K-12th grade is eligible to participate in testing without charge at the time of the regularly scheduled administration. **A 6-12 student that is currently enrolled in a course, has already attempted a course, or has been denied credit for a course is not eligible to participate in this testing program for that particular course. Examination for Acceleration is for students with no prior instruction in a particular course.** (If your student is seeking Credit Recovery, please contact your campus counselor.)

Parents or students interested in participating in examination for acceleration should complete the attached registration form. All registration forms must be returned to the counselor's office at their campus by 4:00 pm on the deadline date.

You will be contacted with further details about your testing session(s), which will take place during the windows outlined below. The deadlines for registration are outlined below as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to your campus counselor.

Window for Examination for Acceleration	Registration Deadlines (NLT 4:00pm CST)
November 12-13, 2026	October 15, 2026
March 24-25, 2027	February 12, 2027
May 12-13, 2027	April 15, 2027
August 5-6, 2027	June 24, 2027

ROCKDALE ISD EXAMINATION FOR ACCELERATION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE ONLINE OR PRINT IN INK:

Local ID (lunch number): _____	Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Month Day Year	Current Enrolled Grade Level: _____	Rockdale Elementary Rockdale Intermediate Rockdale Junior High Rockdale High School (circle one)
Name:			
Last	First	Middle Initial	
Address:			
Street	Apt. #	City	State Zip Code
Email Address:			
Phone: () ()			
Main Telephone		Alternate Telephone (Work or Cell)	
Subjects and Semester (A or B, if applicable) Requested:			
(Example: Geometry A = 1 st semester; Geometry B = 2 nd semester) If requesting testing K-5 th grade, must request all four content areas: Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Math			
1.	2.		
3.	4.		
FOR COUNSELOR USE ONLY: Has 6-12th grade student attempted to complete or earn credit in any of these courses? Yes No (If Yes, student does not qualify for Examination for Acceleration program; consider Credit By Exam or Credit Recovery as options)			
K-5th grade students: Students must achieve a minimum score of 80% on <u>each</u> content area exam to be considered for acceleration to the next grade level.			
6th-12th grade students: Students must achieve a minimum score of 80% on <u>each</u> semester exam to earn full credit for a year-long course. (Example: semester scores of 78 and 82 will not be averaged together for an overall score of 80.) Grades lower than an 80% will <u>not</u> be recorded on the transcript.			
The Parent must initial each statement. _____ 1. I understand that district resources are being expended on my child's behalf, and I will make the necessary arrangements to ensure that my child is present and prepared for his/her testing session(s) and that any required projects are to be submitted by testing day. _____ 2. I understand that my child must score at least 80% on each semester exam to earn course credit. Semester grades will <u>not</u> be averaged together to determine meeting this requirement. Grades lower than 80% will <u>not</u> be recorded on a student's transcript. _____ 3. I understand that the exams cover the regular, core curriculum for each subject. My child will receive only regular course credit on his/her transcript, not GT, Advanced Placement, Pre-AP nor honors credit. _____ 4. I understand that my child's score (if ≥ 80%) must be entered on his/her transcript (grades 6-12). _____ 5. I understand that the score (if ≥ 80%) NOT in calculating GPA, NOR is it used computing class rank (grades 6-12). _____ 6. I understand that if my child is a "no show" on the dates of the exam(s), I will be required to refund the district the cost of the exam. If my child has a history of being a "no show", I will be required to put down a deposit for his/her exam(s). A student is considered a "no show" if he/she does not take an exam that has been ordered for him/her. (Once an exam is ordered, the money cannot be refunded and the test cannot be given to another student.)			
Parent Signature:			Date:

IMPORTANT DEADLINE(S): This form must be returned to your counselor's office at your campus by 4:00pm on the deadline date(s) as outlined in the attached letter.