



*Students in grades 6-12 may use credit by examination to demonstrate mastery in courses to regain credits that were not previously earned.

Students may not use credit by examination to change their grade in any subject for which they have previously received credit at the secondary level.

**Home-schooled students and students coming from non-accredited schools who are trying to gain Texas credit for courses taken previously will be required to take CBE with prior instruction and make at least 70% to receive that credit. Documentation must show the student has taken this course either in a home school situation or at the non-accredited high school. The grade received on the CBE test will be recorded as the course grade, placed on the student's transcript and averaged in the student's GPA. This grade cannot be replaced.*

**Students who are requesting foreign language credit will take CBE with prior instruction and be required to make at least 70% on each semester test to gain credit. The grade received on the CBE test will be recorded as the course grade, placed on the student's transcript and averaged in the student's GPA; this grade cannot be replaced.*

What to Bring:

- A photo ID (drivers license, school ID, or some form of picture identification)
- One or two sharpened #2 pencils
- Water to drink
- A way to call home or designated ride after the test
- Students taking math test may need a graphing calculator or a protractor
- Students taking foreign language tests must bring two blank tapes for a tape recorder. (large tapes)



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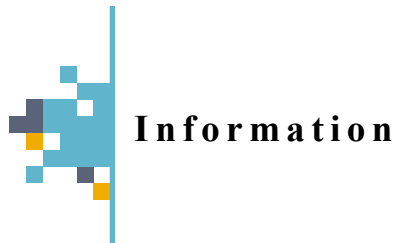
Credit by Exam

⇒ **With prior instruction for credit recovery
Grades 6—12**



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What is Credit by Exam?

- ◆ Credit by Exam assesses a student's mastery of the essential knowledge and skills in the subject for an academic course not satisfactorily completed.
- ◆ Tests may be requested only in the subjects for which the student has had prior instruction and a grade lower than a 70 is recorded on the transcript.
- ◆ Secondary students may take one or both semesters of a state-approved course for which there is an exam. For example, English 1 is divided in two half credits, (English 1A and English 1B).
- ◆ The student's counselor shall be responsible for verifying that the criteria has been met.



Who may earn credit by exam?

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NO credit by exam with prior instruction is available for Pre-AP or AP classes.

How does a student apply?

- The student and/or parent is required to meet with his/her counselor before registration forms can be completed.
- Counselor, student and principal must sign all forms before they can be processed.
- Forms must be returned to counselor by the designated deadline.

The Attendance Committee must approve any attempt to regain credit as a result of excessive absences.

How are the results recorded?

To receive credit, a student must score a grade of 70 or higher. The original grade earned earlier that was below 70 will NOT be replaced. However, when a score of 70 or above is earned on Credit by Exam, the results will be recorded onto the transcript, credit awarded, and the results will be averaged into the student's grade point average (GPA). Any score lower than a 70 will not be recorded.

What type of test is given?

A Credit by Exam is the criterion-referenced test that evaluates mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for a particular subject or grade level. Most CBEs are purchased from Texas Tech Univ. or the Univ. Of Texas and meet the criteria set by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) or other criterion-referenced tests may be used.

When will the results be returned?

The results will be reported within 1—2 weeks.

How long is the testing period?

Students will be given a maximum of 3 hours per test. Student taking more than one exam may require more than one day of testing.

Are there ways to prepare for these tests?

These links will assist you on how to prepare for the test.

http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ttuisd/cbe_review_sheets.php

https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe_study_guides.php

For more information, contact your school counselor.

Credits earned from these exams may not meet NCAA Clearinghouse requirements. For more information, contact your school counselor.