

How to Apply:

1. The student/parent is required to meet with the school counselor before the forms can be completed.
2. The counselor should consult with the parents to discuss the credit by exam criteria and its long-term impact.
3. The principal, counselor, and parent must sign all forms before they can proceed.
4. Forms must be returned to the counselor and sent to the Director of Assessment by the designated deadline. Deadlines are posted on the district web page for curriculum and instruction under credit by exam.

How long is the testing period?

The maximum time allocated per test is 3 hours. A student taking more than one exam may require more than one day of testing.

When will the results be returned?

Results will be returned in approximately 3—4 weeks. Once reported, copies of the results will be sent to the school's principal and counselor.



What to Bring:

- One or two sharpened #2 pencils
- Water to drink
- A healthy snack
- A jacket or sweater

Are there ways to prepare for these tests?

This link will assist you on how to prepare for the test.

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



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**Credit by Exam
for Acceleration**

⇒ **Kindergarten**



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Information

Who is eligible for the test?

In accordance with State Board rules, the Board shall approve procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee to allow a child who is five years old at the beginning of the school year to be assigned initially to first grade rather than kindergarten. Students must meet the following qualifications:

- The student MUST be 5 years old on or before September 1st.
- The student MUST be registered for Kindergarten in Cleburne ISD.

How does the parent request testing?

A parent must request testing for acceleration by completing the Application of Intent to Test Credit-by-Exam form within the first two weeks of school. This form may be obtained from the campus counselor or principal.

Is there a fee?

No fee shall be charged for an examination for acceleration provided by CISD. However, the district may charge for tests ordered and not used by the student.

Testing Dates:

The testing window is posted at the following link:

http://www.cleburne.k12.tx.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=214870&type=d&pREC_ID=811098

This information is also available from the counselor on each campus.

Students wishing to advance to the next grade in kindergarten must be referred by parents in the first two weeks of school.

How do I know if grade advancement is right for my kindergarten student?

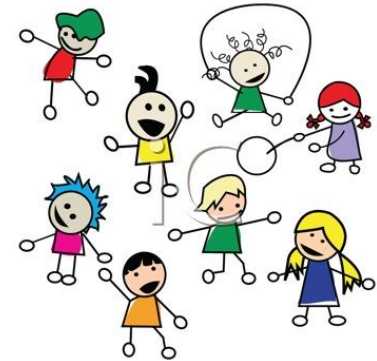
To determine whether testing and possible placement in first grade are the best options, parents, students and staff should consider the following:

- Academic rigor of first grade
- Social and emotional impact
- Maturity of the student
- Effect of skipping a grade level on the student's overall educational experience

About the Test

The students will be required to take two exams. The first is the Kindergarten English Language Arts and Reading. This exam consists of 50 questions and is based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for this subject. The second test is the Kindergarten Mathematics. This exam also consists of 50 questions and is based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The exams are ordered from Texas Tech University, Texas Tech ISD. Testing is conducted at Cleburne ISD's Central Office by the CISD Director of Assessment or another designated professional staff member.

More information regarding the test and review sheets may be found on the Texas Tech ISD website: <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/uc/ec2k/Heading.asp>



Results and Acceleration

Test results will be sent to the principal and counselor of the school where the student is registered. The principal or designee will contact the parent regarding the student's test scores. In order to advance to first grade, the student must score an 80% or above on both district approved assessments for English Language Arts and Reading and Math. In addition, a recommendation from a placement committee at the campus which consists of the principal, counselor, and teacher will be made to determine if the child is ready for first grade based on test performance and social skills. If the child is recommended for acceleration, it will be on a probationary basis. Should the school or teacher feel it is in the best interest of the child to be placed back in kindergarten the parent will be contacted. If the student does not score an "80" on either or both of the tests, he/she will not be allowed to advance to first grade nor will the student be allowed to retest.

Scoring

Scoring of an approved CBE is conducted exclusively by the vendor.

Applications

Applications for testing should be made through the school counselor.