

How to Apply:

1. The student/parent is required to meet with the school counselor before the forms can be completed.
2. The student and/or 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 on the district website.

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 counselor.

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

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
for Acceleration
Grades 1—12**



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Information

Who is eligible for the test?

CISD students in grades 1—12



How frequently can a student take an exam for Acceleration Purposes?

There are no restrictions to the number of times a student may attempt to earn credit for one particular course in which a student has received no prior instruction. However, students may test only once per testing window. ***NO credit by exam tests are available for Pre-AP classes. AP exams are offered only 1 time per year. Counselors must be notified if a student intends to take a College Board AP exam for credit without prior instruction.***

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. If a parent or student requests an alternate examination, the District *may* administer a test purchased by the parent or student from a State Board-approved University.

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 grades 1-8, must test in the May/June window.

Elementary and Middle School- Grades 1—8

Students may test out of a grade level in elementary and middle school (grades 1– 8). Students may advance to the next grade level without prior instruction if a score of at least 80% on all core subject tests is earned. The exams are criterion-referenced exams which are purchased from Texas Tech University ISD. For those students who pass all four content exams, (both semesters), with an 80% or above, their cumulative record will be changed to reflect the grade attained for the course.

Results and Acceleration - Grades 1-8

A student in grades 1 through 8, without prior instruction in the grade level to be tested, will be accelerated a grade if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- The student scores a minimum of 80 % on a criterion-referenced test in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. In middle school, a combined score of a minimum of 80 % must be mastered for the A and B parts of the exam.
- The teacher, if available, principal or principal’s designee recommends that the student advance; and
- The student’s parent or guardian gives written approval for the acceleration.



High School - Grades 9—12

A student may earn credit in a course in which he/she has had no prior instruction. A minimum score of 80% must be made on the exam in order to earn credit.

High School Example:

Students in high school are tested by semester. A student may register to take an accelerated test without prior instruction in English 1A and 1B. The results are evaluated independently.

English 1A—92%	1/2 credit earned
English 1B—78%	credit denied

Recording Results

Only scores of 80% or higher will be recorded on the high school student’s transcript or academic achievement record (AAR) and averaged into his/her grade point average (GPA) and cannot be replaced. The student’s parent/guardian may decline CBE scores and credit within 30 days from the date the results were sent. NO scores will be recorded if the student fails to meet the criteria for advancement.

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