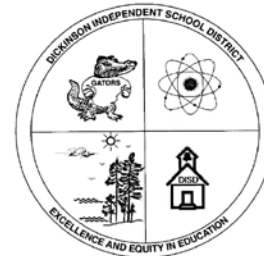


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## **Credit by Examination for Acceleration**

### **Dickinson ISD**

#### **2014-2015 Procedures**

Dickinson ISD administers Credit by Examination (CBE) for Acceleration on an advertised schedule. These tests are designed to provide an opportunity to receive credit for a grade level or course in which the student has had no prior instruction. Dickinson ISD board policies – EHDC (Legal) and EHDC (Local) which govern CBE without prior instruction are available on the Dickinson ISD website.

Dickinson ISD will offer Credit by Examination four times a year – in March, June, July, and December. Specific dates will be posted on the district website along with registration forms and information. These tests are for students who have no prior instruction in a course or grade level.

#### **CBE Process**

- Students must be enrolled in Dickinson ISD in order to participate in Credit by Exam for Acceleration. This includes students entering the district for the first time.
- The parent fills out the registration form for CBE and then submits the form to the school counselor for signature approval along with the required deposit. The form is then forwarded to the Educational Services department which orders the tests.
- There is no charge for these tests. However, a deposit in the form of a check or money order made out to Dickinson ISD and equal to the cost of the test is required for all tests and must be submitted with the registration form. If the student attends the test administration, this deposit will be returned when the student's scores are reported to parents. The deposit will not be returned if a student registers for a CBE and does not attend.

#### **2014-2015 CBE/Acceleration Individual Exam Costs (UT)**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$140 for the four tests for a grade level
<b>Grades 1-8</b>	\$35 per subject area or \$140 for the four tests for a grade level
<b>Grades 9-12</b>	\$35 per ½ year credit exam or \$70 per full year credit exam

- After the tests are ordered, the Educational Services department or the campus counselor will schedule the times and locations for test administration and notify parents of the dates and times that the students are scheduled to test at least one week in advance. The district does not provide study guides, textbooks, or other resource materials to students to prepare for the examinations. However, resources are available to students and parents at <http://www.utexas.edu/ce/k16/cbe-ea/study-guides/>
- Tests available for online grading will be scored and reported within one week of the close of the testing window. Tests not available for online grading will be sent to UT for scoring. Reports to parents will be mailed upon receipt from UT.

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- A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a course or grade level more than two times.

### **Grade Acceleration**

Testing for fall placement is offered in March, June, and July for students enrolled in DISD. Application should be made through the school counselor. Application deadlines for test sessions are listed on the CBE registration form. No other testing for grade advancement is done during the school year. Student placement in a new grade will only occur at the start of a school year.

### **Kindergarten Acceleration**

State law requires that students be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> for entry into Kindergarten. Consequently, DISD does not test students for early admittance to Kindergarten. A student who attends private Kindergarten when he/she is five years old, may test for acceleration to first grade the following year. A student must be enrolled in Dickinson ISD in order to participate in Kindergarten testing during the summer. There will be only one Kindergarten CBE for Acceleration test administration each year and it will take place in June. Students will take four exams: English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Per DISD Policy, EHDC (Local), a student must receive a score of 90% or higher on all four exams in order to be accelerated to first grade. Other requirements outlined in EHDC (Local) also apply.

### **1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Acceleration**

Students will take four exams: English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students must receive a score of 80% or higher on all four exams in order to be accelerated to the next grade level.

### **High School Acceleration**

Students must take an exam for each semester of an academic course for which they are attempting to earn credit. The student must earn at least an 80% on both semester exams to receive credit for the course. If a student is given credit in a subject on the basis of an examination in which the student scored an 80% or higher, the examination score will be entered on the student's transcript, and the student is not required to take an applicable end-of-course state assessment for that course. The Credit-by-Exam score will not be computed in class rank.