



## Credit by Exam for Acceleration Procedures

Dickinson ISD administers Exams for Acceleration on an advertised schedule. These exams 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 that govern Credit by Exam for Acceleration (without prior instruction) are available on the Dickinson ISD website [EHDC(LEGAL) and EHDC(LOCAL)].

Dickinson ISD will offer Exams for Acceleration four times a year. Specific dates will be posted on the district website along with registration forms and information. These exams are for students who have had no prior instruction in a course or grade level.

### Credit by Exam for Acceleration Process

- Students must be enrolled in Dickinson ISD in order to participate in a Credit by Exam for Acceleration. This includes students entering the district for the first time.
- The parent completes the registration form and then submits the form to the school counselor for signature approval along with the required deposit. The form is then forwarded to the Director of Assessment, Accountability and Compliance who will order the exams.
- A deposit in the form of a **check** made out to **Dickinson ISD** and equal to the cost of the exam(s) is required and must be submitted with the registration form. Please do not send cash. If the student attends the exam administration, this deposit will be returned when the student's scores are reported to the counselor. The deposit will not be returned if a student registers for an exam and does not attend.

#### Deposit per Individual Exam for Acceleration (UT)

<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$100 for the four required exams for a grade level (\$25 each)
<b>Grades 1-8</b>	\$25 per subject area or \$100 for the four exams for a grade level online version
<b>Grades 9-12</b>	\$25 per semester exam (½ credit) or \$50 per full year exam (1 credit) online version
<b>All tests</b>	All tests will be scheduled to be taken online and proctored at the campus.

- After the exams are ordered, the campus counselor will schedule the date/time/location for the administration and notify the students and parents at least one week in advance. The counselor may request that the student utilize a computer on campus to complete the testing. 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:  
[https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe\\_study\\_guides.php](https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe_study_guides.php)
- A student may not attempt an individual Exam for Acceleration more than once in a window and not more than twice total, each attempt must be prior to instruction.



## **Grade Acceleration**

Exams for Acceleration are offered in August, November, February, and May for students enrolled in DISD. Application should be made through the school counselor. Application deadlines for exam sessions are listed on the registration form. No other Exams for Acceleration are offered during the school year. Student placement in a new grade level will only occur at the start of a school year. Once a student has begun a grade level or course, the student is no longer eligible to take the corresponding Exam for Acceleration.

## **Kindergarten Acceleration**

State law requires that students be five years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> for entry into Kindergarten. Consequently, DISD Board Policy does not provide for early admittance to Kindergarten. A student who attends private Kindergarten when the student is five years old, may take the Kindergarten Exams for Acceleration the following year. A student must be enrolled in Dickinson ISD in order to participate in the Kindergarten Exams for Acceleration during the summer. There will be only one Kindergarten Exam for Acceleration administration each year, and it will take place in May/June. Students will take four exams: English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Per DISD Board Policy EHDC (LOCAL) a student must receive a score of 80% or higher on all four exams in order to be considered for acceleration to first grade. Other requirements outlined in EHDC (LOCAL) also apply. The student will take an online test and will be proctored during the test.

## **Acceleration for Grades 1 through 8**

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 considered for acceleration to the next grade level. If the student does not achieve the required score on all four exams, the student will not be promoted to the next grade level. As per DISD Board Policy EHDC (LEGAL), a district representative must recommend the acceleration of a student in grades 1 through 8. All tests will be ordered as an online test.

## **High School Course Acceleration (Grades 6 through 12)**

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 exam in which the student scored an 80% or higher, then the exam score will be entered on the student's transcript. The exam score will not be computed in class rank. All tests will be ordered as an online test.