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CREDIT BY EXAM FOR ACCELERATION (EFA)

Information for Students and Parents
Elementary and Middle Schools
2023-2024

This letter is intended to provide specific information in which students can receive Credit By Exam for Acceleration (EFA) credit in McAllen ISD. The process for EFA begins with students and parent speaking with the school principal. This will ensure that the test to be ordered is the one needed by the student. McAllen ISD cannot accept enrollment for EFA applications without McAllen ISD campus principal and parent's signatures. After the last day of the window registration, McAllen ISD does not allow changes to be made to the exams ordered. For further information, please contact your child's campus principal.

Additional information:	Credit by Exam For Acceleration Review Sheets are available at:
Texas Tech University — TTU ISD https://enroll.ttuisd.ttu.edu/catalog/heading.asp 1-800-692-6877	https://www.depts.ttu.edu/k12/cbe/review/
University of Texas at Austin K-16 Education Center http://cee.utexas.edu/ce/k16/cbe-ea/about/ 1-888-232-4723	https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe_study_guides

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Exams for Acceleration (EFA) are offered to students in grades K- 12 who request to demonstrate proficiency in a grade level or course in which they have not previously been enrolled. Accelerated Exams for End-of-Course (EOC) subjects including English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History are available. The EFA is only for students with NO PRIOR INSTRUCTION.

Kindergarten Acceleration

(EHDC Legal) A district shall develop procedures for kindergarten acceleration that are approved by the board.
(EHDC Local) 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 grade 1 rather than kindergarten. Criteria for acceleration may include:

1. Scores on readiness tests or achievement tests that may be administered by appropriate District Personnel.
2. Recommendation of the kindergarten or preschool the student has attended.
3. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student.
4. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal and Superintendent.

Grades 1 – 5

(EHDC Legal) A district shall accelerate a student in grades 1–5 <u>only one grade level</u> if the student meets the following requirements:

1. The student scores 80 percent or above on a criterion-referenced test for the grade level to be skipped in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies;
2. A district representative recommends that the student be accelerated; and
3. The student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the acceleration.

Grades 6 – 12

(EHDC Legal) A district shall give a student in grades 6–12 credit for an academic subject in which the student has received <u>no prior instruction</u> if the student scores:

1. A three or higher on a College Board advanced placement examination that has been approved by the board for the applicable course;
2. A scaled score of 50 or higher on an examination administered through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and approved by the board for the applicable course; or
3. Eighty percent or above on any other criterion-referenced test approved by the board for the applicable course.

Credit-by-Exam For Acceleration Schedule 2023-2024
Elementary School **Middle School**
Window Deadline Cycle I: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 *Testing Days: *November 27 – December 1, 2023* *(Elementary & Middle School)* ***Grade level or course change will occur during the 2024-2025 school year.**
Window Deadline Cycle II: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 *Testing Days: *January 8 – 12, 2024* *(Elementary & Middle School)* ***Grade level or course change will occur during the 2024-2025 school year.**
Window Deadline Cycle III: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 *Testing Days: May 28 – 31, 2024* *(Elementary & Middle School)* **Assessments in Kindergarten – 8th will be administered during this cycle. These students are eligible for grade level or course change for the 2024 - 2025 school year.**
Window Deadline Cycle IV: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 *Testing Days: * July 29 – August 2, 2024 (Elementary)* ***Grade level or course change will occur during the 2023-2024 school year.** *Testing Days: *September 2 – 6, 2024 – (Middle School)* ***Grade level or course change will occur during the 2025-2026 school year.**

- ✓ **Applications are due by 2:00 p.m. on the date of the window deadline**
- ✓ **Applications are submitted to the Assessment Department by the Campus Testing Coordinator**
- ✓ **Exam for Acceleration paper results arrive in approximately 4 to 6 weeks**

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Application for Credit by Exam For Acceleration (EFA) 2023-2024

Section A: (To be completed by parent/guardian and administrator)

Student Last Name _____ Student First Name _____

School _____ Student ID (Local) _____ DOB _____ Current Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ email address _____

Please fill out the grade or subject/test needed and record which test is requested.

Grade for Elementary Or Subject/Test for Middle School 2023-2024	Credit by Exam for Acceleration – Without Prior Instruction: Kinder – 8th Grade – 80% or higher in L.A., Math, Science, & Social Studies required to award Credit	Exam Date Please see attached testing schedule
3rd Grade	*Example: L.A, Math, Sci.& SS*	
7th Grade	*Example: Math*	

- I give permission for my child to be tested to with the selected exam.
- It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to remember testing dates and testing location.
- Parent signature below serves as written approval for accelerating the student if he/she meets the score requirements.

Print Parent Name	Parent Signature	Date
Print Principal Name	Principal Signature	Date

Application to be submitted to the Student Assessment Department by the Campus Testing Coordinator

Section B: (for testing office use only) Test(s) given:

1. _____ Date: _____ Score _____ Pass / Fail
2. _____ Date: _____ Score _____ Pass / Fail
3. _____ Date: _____ Score _____ Pass / Fail
4. _____ Date: _____ Score _____ Pass / Fail