



SUNNYVALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT INFORMATION
CREDIT BY EXAM FOR ACCELERATION



Grades 1-5 Credit by Exam Grade Acceleration Options

According to Texas Administrative Code and Sunnyvale ISD Policy, a student in grades 1-5 who scores 80% or above on a criterion-referenced test in each one of the four content areas without prior instruction may be advanced one grade level for all course subjects. The student must score 80% or above for the grade level to be skipped in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Placement in a new grade level will only occur prior to the start of a new school year, regardless of when the credit by examination for acceleration is requested or administered.

Grades 6-12 Credit by Exam Subject Acceleration Options

According to Texas Administrative Code and Sunnyvale ISD Policy, if a student in grades 6-12 scores 80% or above on a criterion-referenced test or an average of 80% from both semester tests, the district shall enter the examination score on the student's transcript but not calculate it into the GPA. Students must have completed the prerequisite courses in order to be eligible for a CBE. No partial credit will be transcribed on a transcript for a year-long course. If a student does not score an 80% or higher on each semester's CBE test OR an average of 80% for both semesters, they will be required to take the year-long course with SISD and no credit will be awarded.

In order to receive credit by examination for a specific course, credit must be earned prior to the start of a new school year in which the student would ordinarily be required to enroll in that course, in accordance with the district's prescribed course sequence that the student must satisfactorily complete to receive credit. Placement in a new course will only occur prior to the start of a new school year or regardless of when the credit by examination for acceleration is requested or administered.

A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course more than two times. A student may not take any CBE twice within the same testing window.

Specifics of Acceleration Exams

1. Students must complete an application by the deadline date provided.

2. A student is given credit in a subject on the basis of an exam on which the student scores 80% or higher.
3. Students will not receive any high school grade points, for these exams and the final grade recorded will be the actual score received on the exam if the score is 80% or better.
4. A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific course more than two times.
5. If a student fails to earn credit by examination for a specific course before the beginning of the school year in which the student would ordinarily be required to enroll in that course according to the district sequence, the student must satisfactorily complete the course to receive credit.
6. It is highly recommended that those applying be strong academically and meet all prerequisites for the course for which the student will be tested.

Eligibility

1. Students must be enrolled in Sunnyvale Independent School District.
2. Students must complete an Application for Credit by Exam. The application must be completed and returned according to the Testing Schedule.
3. Students must not have been enrolled, or received prior instruction, in the course for which they are attempting an exam for acceleration.

Credit by Examination (With Prior Instruction)

Students who have received prior instruction in a subject may earn credit by scoring at least a 70 on a test covering the appropriate essential knowledge and skills. Credit by examination is not to be used to gain eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities.

Please see our website for further information and application deadlines.

Sunnyvale Independent School District
Application for Credit by Exam

Student's Name _____

Last

First

Student ID# _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Home Address _____
Street City State

Home/Cell Phone _____ Parent's Work Phone _____

Specific course or grade for which exam is requested _____

I have carefully read the guidelines for earning Credit by Exam. I further understand that a minimum score of 80% must be earned on the test in order to receive credit for the course. The final grade recorded on the academic achievement record will be the numerical score of 80 or above earned on the exam. I also understand that if I earn credit for a course through Credit by Exam, I cannot repeat the course or the test in order to raise my grade.

High School: I also understand that this course will be excluded from the calculation of my grade point average.

There is no charge for taking the test; however, if I apply to take a test and do not take it, the fee to cover the purchase of the test(s) will be charged to me. Testing may be cancelled within 48 hours (2 days) of the application due date by contacting the counselor in writing. Students must bring student identification to the testing.

Student Signature

Counselor Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date