

Credit by Exam ~ Q & A  
Information for Parents and Students Regarding Course Selection in High School

Students are increasingly taking **Credit by Exams** in order to take high school courses in Junior High. The purpose of this document is to provide answers to common questions:

Credit by Exam may be taken for the following two types of credit:

o Placement Credit: This exam is designed as an option for those students who did not receive credit but have had prior formal instruction in a course (credit must not have been lost due to absences and the final course grade must have been 69 or below). A minimum of 70% must be earned for placement credit and ALL attempts are recorded on the transcript. Placement credit is not figured into the GPA.

o Acceleration Credit: This exam is taken to place out of a subject in which you have not had prior instruction or experience. The Texas Education Agency and the counselor approve these examinations. A minimum of 80% must be earned for acceleration credit and ALL attempts are recorded on the transcript. Acceleration credit is not figured into the GPA.

Students that pass a credit by exam for either placement or acceleration credit, often enroll in high school courses while in junior high. Students are enrolled in the junior high and travel to the high school to take their class, with the exception of Algebra I which is taken at the junior high campus.

Answers to common questions regarding high school courses taken in junior high:

1. Will high school courses taken in junior high count as high school credits?
  - a. Yes, the student will receive credit for high school courses taken in junior high.
2. Will high school courses taken in junior high count towards the student's grade point average in high school?
  - a. No, the student will not receive grade points based on high school courses taken in junior high school.

This information can be found in the high school course catalog on page 7:

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

Courses taught at the junior high level, using high school Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) count for high school credit and meet high school requirements for graduation. Junior high school courses designated for high school credit on an official transcript from an accredited school will be accepted for credit. Classes taken while enrolled at the Junior High School are for credit only and do not count toward class rank, grade point average (GPA), or eligibility for the National Honor Society.

3. What courses will be available after completing the high school course sequence early?
  - a. Courses offered at the high school are finite and are found in the [High School Course Catalog](#).
  - b. If a course is not offered at the high school and a student takes said course from an outside entity, the student will not receive grade points for that course.