



Credit by Exam for Acceleration Procedures K-8

Credit by Exam for Acceleration Criteria:

Based on the district requirements for the 2026–2027 school year, here is the essential criteria for parents regarding Credit by Exam (CBE) for acceleration:

- **Enrollment Status:** Students must be officially enrolled in Dickinson ISD before they can participate in CBE testing.
 - *New students entering the district for the first time must contact [Dr. Veonda Emholtz](#).
- **Registration Process:** Parents must complete the [registration form](#) and submit it to the school counselor for signature and approval.
- **Refundable Deposit:** A check (no cash) made out to Dickinson ISD for the cost of the exam must be submitted with the form. This deposit is returned to the parent once the student completes the exam and scores are reported.
- **Age Requirements:** Kindergarten Age Requirement: Students must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter Kindergarten. DISD does not offer early admittance.
 - *Note:* Students who attended private Kindergarten at age 5 may test for 1st-grade acceleration during the May/June window at the completion of the school year..
- **Testing Subjects:** Students are required to take and pass four separate exams with an 80% or higher: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies for Grade acceleration.
 - Students also have the option of testing for a single subject in grades 6-8.
- 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.

Testing Window and Registration Deadline

Testing Window 1: July 14-15, 2026	Registration and deposit due – May 29, 2026
Testing Window 2*: November 16–20, 2026	Registration and deposit due – October 1, 2026
Testing Window 3*: February 15–19, 2027	Registration and deposit due – January 9, 2027
Testing Window 4*: May 3–7, 2027	Registration and deposit due – April 1, 2027

Deposit

Kindergarten	\$100 for the four required exams for a grade level (\$25 each)
Grades 1-8	\$25 per subject area or \$100 for the four exams for a grade level online version

- Preparation resources are available to students and parents at:
https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe_study_guides.php