

Hallsville ISD



Credit by Exam

&

Exam for Acceleration

2025-2026



Hallsville ISD Procedures

Examination for Acceleration & Credit by Exam

Each student is required to meet a set criterion and pass all required examinations for acceleration in order to by-pass a grade level or course

Elementary

Eligibility for a student to take an examination for acceleration:

- o For all grade levels. Score must be 80% or above on all Common Assessments (CAs) and
- o Be at an BAS level at or above grade level expectation.

Kindergarten

Requirements for taking examination for acceleration:

1. Have the recommendation for the kindergarten or pre-school attended
2. Be five years old by September 1
3. Required documentation if the student is not yet enrolled in Hallsville ISD
 - a. Parent's driver's license

- b. Proof of residence
- c. Birth certificate
- d. Immunization record

When the above criteria is met, a student may take a battery of two readiness exams in the areas of math and reading upon parent request.

Grades 3-8

Students must have an 80 or higher average in all core courses and must score at least “meets level” on all state mandated assessments. If a student is from out of state, a decision will be made based on the student’s academic performance.

When the above criteria is met, the same exam from **The University of Texas at Austin** is administered for a student to advance a grade level. Exams are required for all four core subjects: Reading Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

A timeline is established in cooperation. Upon parent request, the counselor contacts the HISD curriculum department to initiate the assessment process. Campus Testing Coordinators will facilitate testing.

High School

Students must have an 80 or higher average in all core courses and must score at least “meets level” on all state mandated assessments.

If the student meets the criteria outlined above, he or she may take an exam listed at the following site: <https://utexas.app.box.com/v/uths-cbe-available>

Each exam is the equivalent of a semester credit unless otherwise specified.

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List of Exam Formats (K-Grades 12)

List of UT Texas Credit by Exams

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Information on Examination

(Kindergarten – Grade 2)



Exam for Acceleration Grades K-2

Hallsville ISD will offer Exams of Acceleration tests from the University of Texas at Austin for Grades 1-2.

Hallsville ISD will offer a readiness assessment for Exams for Acceleration for kindergarten. Dates for the administration for the above exams will be sent to you at a later date.

A battery of four (4) exams (Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies) is offered for Grades 1-2. The complete battery must be taken.

A battery of two readiness exams (Math and Reading) is offered for kindergarten. The complete battery must be taken. The reading assessment determines the student's independent reading level. The Math Assessment determines the student's mastery for the Kindergarten Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS) that are assessed.

Please complete the “[Examination for Acceleration Form](#)” in order for your child to take the accelerated test. You may get this form from the campus counselor. Ensure the grade level box is correctly filled in with the grade to be tested. This form should be returned to the HISD Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment office located at the Administration Building (P.O. Box 810 Hallsville, Texas 75650) no later than the registration deadline for the testing window.

Further information is to be distributed to students and parents will be sent once registration information has been received.

For more information, you may contact:

Director of Assessment and Accountability

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Kindergarten Exam for Acceleration

Other Requirements

1. Have the recommendation for the kindergarten or pre-school attended
 2. Be five years old by September 1
 3. Required documentation if the student is not yet enrolled in Hallsville ISD
 - a. Parent's driver's license
 - b. Proof of residency (current tax return or current lease)
 - c. Birth certificate
 - d. Immunization record
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- o Determination of moving forward a grade level:
 - o Scores must be a 70% or above on District Math Assessment and
 - o Scores Independent 4 or above on BAS levels

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Information on Examination
(Grades 3-12)



Exam for Acceleration Grades 3-12

According to SB 1365, Section 2.023, Credit by Exam has been amended to read, in part, as follows:

Grades K-5

A school district shall give a student in a primary grade level credit for a grade level and advance the student one grade level on the basis of an examination for acceleration approved by the board of trustees under Subsection (a) if:

- The student scores in the 80% or above on each section of the examination

Grades 6-12

A school district shall give a student in grade level six or above credit in the Subject approved by the board of trustees under subsection (a) if the student Scores in the 80% or above on the examination. If a student is given credit in a subject on the basis of an examination, the district shall enter given credit in a subject on the basis of an examination, the district shall enter the examination score on the student's transcript and the student is not required to take an end-of-course assessment instrument adopted under Section 39.023.

Hallsville ISD will offer Examination for Acceleration during the following windows:

Window for Examination for Acceleration	Registration Deadlines (No later than 4:00 PM CST)
August 1-11, 2023	August 1, 2023
November 28-December 8, 2023	November 28, 2023
January 9-19, 2024	January 9, 2024
May 28-June 7, 2023	May 28, 2024

Testing sessions begin at 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Because of the time allotted for each test (3 hours), students must arrive promptly for each of the testing times. In addition, students who are taking multiple tests should allow for more than one testing day. Tests usually take from one to three hours to complete with three hours being the maximum time allowed for EACH test taken.

The cost to Hallsville ISD is \$25.00 PER test. If we have paid for the tests and the student decides not to take the test, it will be the responsibility of the parent(s) to pay for it.

A battery of four (4) exams (Math, Language Arts and Reading, Science and Social Studies) is offered for Grades 3-5. The complete battery must be taken.

The following exams are offered for grades 6, 7, and 8.

- o Grades 6 – Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science
- o Grades 7 – Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science
- o Grades 8 – Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science

Students may earn credit for an academic subject in grades 6-12 if he/she has met the stipulated requirements. If the test(s) have been paid for and the student decides not to take the test, it will be the responsibility of the parent(s) to pay for it.

A complete listing of exams for grades 9-12 can be found at: [UT High School](#). Please note that at the high school level, each semester exam is ½ credit unless otherwise indicated.

To register for an exam, complete the Credit by Examination/Examination form and turn in to your campus counselor. Further information will be distributed to students and parents will be set once registration information has been received.

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