



Credit By Examination

Parent Information

The state's education law, the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), will allow public school students to obtain credit in a course or grade level by passing tests approved by school district trustees.

Grade 1-12 Acceleration

[Texas Education Code Chapter 74.24\(c\)\(8\)](#) allows students to test out of course by taking a Credit by Examination (CBE) **without prior instruction** in the course(s) being tested. To earn credit for a grade or a subject without prior instruction (acceleration), the student must answer 80% of the questions correctly [EHDC\(LEGAL\)](#)

Credit Recovery

In accordance with local school district policy [EHDB\(LOCAL\)](#), the principal or designee or the attendance committee, shall have authority to offer a student the opportunity to earn course credit (credit recovery) by examination in any of Grades 6-12 for an academic subject **with prior instruction** if the student meets the criteria and the student scores 70% on the CBE test. The student is required to pass any applicable end-of-course assessment instrument for the course ([TAC 74.24\(c\)\(12\)](#)) if receiving credit recovery course credit.

Additional Information

- CBE tests are rigorous, targeting all the objectives for the courses covered.
- To begin the process, parents and/or students contact the campus counselor or principal to determine eligibility and receive an application. **Classwork, state assessments, and previous CBE scores along with attendance will be considered to determine eligibility.**
- There are no fees or costs for VISD students to take any CBE.
- Applications must be received by the deadlines. Final registration approval will be determined by the Assessment Dept.
- Students may register for one examination during each window. Exceptions will be considered for extenuating circumstances. If approved, secondary students may complete only two CBEs per day. Elementary students may complete only one CBE per day.
- Students may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a course more than two times. Registered students that do not report for testing will forfeit their testing opportunity.
- Students are responsible for reviewing applicable CBE study guides/review sheets for any specific requirements.
- Students' identities must be verified by photo IDs (school photo ID, driver's license, or state/government issued ID).
- CBE results must be received before the first day of school to be considered for acceleration.
- Results and placements are final.
- Four windows are offered for grades 1-12 each school year pursuant to ordering deadlines.
- The Assessment Department determines the vendor (currently UTHS or TTU K-12) and test type (paper or online).

Credit By Examination (CONT.)

Test Review Packets

[Texas Tech K-12 review sheets for Credit by Examination](#)

[University of Texas High School study guides for Credit by Examination](#)

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CBE Testing Window	Location	Parent application Deadline	Campus Ordering Deadline
June 23-25, 2021*	Region 3 Education Service Center 1905 Leary Lane Victoria, Texas 77901	May 24, 2021	June 1, 2021
July 14-16, 2021*	Region 3 Education Service Center 1905 Leary Lane Victoria, Texas 77901	May 24, 2021	June 1, 2021
October 25-27, 2021	Refugio ISD Distance Learning Center	September 8, 2021	September 13, 2021
January 24-26, 2022	Refugio ISD Distance Learning Center	December 8, 2021	December 13, 2021

*Students must receive credit for a high school course prior to the first day of instruction in which the student would ordinarily be required to enroll in that course in accordance with VISD's prescribed course sequence. Therefore, it is recommended that 2021-2022 Fall Semester sequence-specific high school CBEs be completed no later than June 2021.