

REGION 9 ESC G/T CREDIT BY EXAM INFORMATION

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION FOR ACCELERATION (WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION) UPDATED FALL 2019

Procedures

Credit by Examination is a means of acceleration for students K-12. CBE **must** be given before a student actually begins a class. A grade of 80 or greater will result in the student being awarded credit for the class. TEA has ruled that a student is only allowed two attempts at a CBE per subject. Each school will need to track their student's enrollment.

For Grades K-5:

- The student must be given CBE for **all four core content areas**: Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. CBE testing must occur **before** the student begins the grade level being tested. Region 9 will not test a student who is already receiving instruction for the tested grade level (unless it is only for Credit Recovery). **Testing must occur during the spring or summer prior to the student attending the grade level which is to be tested.** The testing calendar and application deadlines published at www.esc9.net will be strictly enforced.
- Each test takes approximately 3 hours. The **testing will require two test dates for Grades K-5.** The student must be registered for two separate testing dates. Kindergarten students will be tested in a one-to-one setting.
- A campus/district **official must sign** the CBE registration form and all parts of the application must be completed.
- If a student shows a Percentage of Mastery of **80 or greater in all four core areas**, the student is eligible to be accelerated to the next grade level. Scores of 80 or greater in fewer than four core areas will not be accelerated an entire grade level.
- Each school district has **local policy** concerning CBE that should be followed.

For Grades 6-12:

- CBE is offered **by semester** for all courses required for graduation. For example, if a student wanted to take CBE for high school Geometry, the student would register for, and take, Geometry 1A and Geometry 1B.
- A campus/district **official must sign** the CBE registration form and all parts of the application must be completed.
- Each test takes approximately 3 hours. A student **may not take more than two tests on any given test date.**
- CBE testing for acceleration must occur **before** the student begins the class.
- If a student shows a Percentage of Mastery of 80 or greater on a test, that grade will be entered on the student's **permanent record** as the grade for the course.
- Students also must take at the district level any corresponding EOC exams required for graduation.
- Each school district has **local policy** concerning CBE that should be followed.

OTHER PROCEDURES

- Region 9 acts as the proctor for CBE. All exams are purchased from Texas Tech University's Distance Learning Department and scored by them. Once tested, students should expect to wait 3-4 weeks for exam scores.
- School **districts will use the testing dates published by Region 9 ESC.**
- Once a student has enrolled in a CBE, they will have 6 months from the enrollment date to complete their exam.
- School districts will have local policy addressing CBE that should be followed.
- A **\$55.00 deposit** is required for each test taken by students in GT Coop districts. A **\$55.00 fee** is required for students in non-GT Coop districts. Students taking Credit by Examination for credit recovery will require a \$55.00 fee for each test taken. We only accept checks and cash. **No money orders or credit cards.**
- **Testing periods** defined by TEA include one window to test between January 1 and March 31, one window to test between April 1 and June 30, one window to test between July 1 and September 30, and one window to test between October 1 and December 31. A student may take a specific examination only once during each window.
- TEA has ruled that a student is only allowed two attempts at a CBE per subject. Therefore, a student may retake a CBE for the same class only one time.
- The CBE Percentage of Mastery report will be initially sent from Texas Tech to Region 9. Region 9 will then mail copies of the report to the student's home address and the student's campus.
- A student taking a CBE for **credit recovery** is responsible for the expense of the exam and must adhere to the testing calendar and application deadlines. Credit recovery **must** be indicated on the application. A passing score on credit recovery is 70.

All TTU K-12 CBEs are now approved for both remediation and acceleration purposes! On September 14, 2018, The State Board of Education approved Texas Tech University K-12's proposal and timeline for meeting the revised TAC 74.24 rule. As a result, they are now SBOE-approved to offer all CBEs to any interested student. This includes those students who wish to take a CBE for End-of-Course subjects for acceleration.

According to TEA policy §74.24, Credit by Exams (c)(9), a student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course more than two times.

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