



## Credit By Exam 2020-2021

If a student in grades 1-12 wishes to accelerate to the next grade level or earn course credit without having received prior instruction in the grade level or course, the District shall offer opportunities to do so. Credit by Exam (CBE) testing is conducted for students in Grades 6 - 12 who wish to earn original credit in a course they have not previously taken, for credit recovery to recover credit for a course that they have taken and failed, or for students in Grades 1 – 5 who wish to accelerate one grade.

### **REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY**

- Student is enrolled in a Magnolia ISD school.
- Elementary students must meet the state law requirement - five years old by September 1st for kindergarten, or six years old by September 1st for First Grade.
- Registration form is completed at the student's home campus indicating grade level/subject for testing.
- School counselor must sign the registration form to verify the student's grade level and CBE eligibility.
- All registration forms must be received by the school counselor by the registration deadline.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

As per testing guidelines, three hours are allowed for each exam. The examinations are purchased from Texas Tech University and thoroughly test the essential knowledge and skills for each primary school grade level and secondary academic subject area.

Counselors will provide students with CBE study guide(s) and these may be downloaded at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ode/cbereview/>

Depending upon the availability of books, the students who have applied to take a CBE may obtain textbooks from the campus textbook coordinator if needed for review. These books must be returned after testing.

Score reports are generally available 3-6 weeks after testing and are mailed directly to the school counselors. The counselors will release the scores to the students.

There is no fee for CBE testing. Please carefully consider availability during the testing window before completing the registration form.

Students scoring 80% or above on the CBE for original credit will receive credit for the applicable course and the examination score will be indicated on the student's transcript. CBE is not calculated in the official Grade Point Average (GPA) used for class ranking purposes; however, it is calculated in the 4.0 GPA used for college admission, NCAA eligibility, and scholarship applications. Students who test for subjects which they have previously failed, must score at least 70% on the test in order to obtain credit.

Testing will occur as per the following schedule for students in Grades 1-5 (Grade Acceleration) and Grades 6-12 (without prior instruction):

<b><u>Session</u></b>	<b><u>Registration Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Testing Dates</u></b>
1	June 26, 2020	July 20 - 24, July 27-31, 2020
2	September 25, 2020	November 5 - 7, 2020
3	January 8, 2021	February 4 - 6, 2021
4	April 1, 2021	May 6 - 8, 2021

*\*\*Dates are subject to change based on the executive orders given by the Governor of Texas or other orders given by Montgomery County officials during the current COVID-19 pandemic.*

### **WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION**

#### **Grades 6-12**

Credit by Examination - Without Prior Instruction provides course credit for students who are enrolled in Magnolia Independent School District and have no prior formal instruction in the grade level or course. Registration forms are available through the school counselor during the registration window. A student may take a specific examination only once during each window. A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course more than two times. Registration dates and testing dates are listed above.

### **GRADE ACCELERATION WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION**

#### **Grades 1-5**

Examinations for grade acceleration will be administered at the student's home campus. Results will be returned to the student's home campus within 3-6 weeks of the testing date. Examinations for Grades 1-5 are criterion-referenced tests from Texas Tech University. Students in Grades 1-5 who are enrolled in Magnolia Independent School District may accelerate one grade level if the following conditions have been met:

- The student takes four exams: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies.
- The student receives a score of 80% on all four exams.
- The parent or guardian gives written approval for the acceleration.
- A district representative recommends the student be accelerated.

Placement in a new grade level will only occur at the start of a school year regardless of when an exam for acceleration is taken. Registration dates and testing dates are listed above.

### **KINDERGARTEN ACCELERATION**

State policy provides that "a District shall develop procedures for kindergarten acceleration that are approved by the Board." Students residing within Magnolia Independent School District will be provided an opportunity for acceleration from Kindergarten to First Grade when the following conditions have been met:

- The student is five years of age on September 1.
- The student successfully completes 90% or more of the items on a kindergarten screening instrument.

- The student's physical development and social maturity are consistent with an advanced mental ability.
- The student has been recommended by the kindergarten or preschool that the student has previously attended.
- Parent/guardian gives written approval for the acceleration.

Parents must contact the school counselor by June 1 to register for the test. Tests will then be ordered and administered during the last week of July.