

Credit by Exam 2019-2020

Grades K – 12 Credit by Exam (CBE) testing is conducted four times per year for students 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.

Grades 6 – 12: Testing will occur as per the following schedule:

Testing Dates

August 1, 2, 3, 2019

November 7, 8, 9, 2019

February 6, 7, 8, 2020

May 7, 8, 9, 2020

Registration Deadline

July 8, 2019

September 27, 2019

January 10, 2020

April 3, 2020

General Guidelines:

Testing guidelines allow up to three hours per 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.

Students may take no more than two tests during each testing period (four test total for each year). Each CBE semester exam counts as one test.

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 for CBE testing may obtain textbooks from the campus textbook coordinator if needed for review. These books must be returned after testing.

Score reports are generally available 3-4 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. However, a \$10 deposit is required for each test for which the student registers. The money will be refunded once the student takes the test.

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.

Grades 1 – 5: Students in Grades 1 -5 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.

Grade K: State policy provides that “a District shall develop procedures for kindergarten acceleration that are approved by the Board.” Students residing within Magnolia ISD 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.