



Credit by Exam

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Any credit by examination approved for use by the school district must meet all the requirements of TEC §8.023 and TAC §74.24(b)(2), including thoroughly testing the TEKS for the appropriate grade level. CBEs for elementary grade levels may include those defined in TAC §74.24(b)(1).

TAC §74.24(b)(1) requires a school district to develop procedures for credit by examination approved by the school district board of trustees.

For grades 1-5, TAC §74.24(b)(2) states that a student must be approved for credit by examination if the student meets the following requirements:

- the student scores 80% on a criterion-referenced test for the appropriate grade level in each of the following areas: language arts and reading, mathematics, and science studies;
- a school district representative recommends that the student be granted credit by examination;
- the student's parent or guardian gives written approval for the student to be granted credit by examination.



6. What CBEs are available for courses in Grades 6-12?

This can vary from district to district.

TAC §74.24(c)(1) requires the school district board of trustees to approve for each high school course, to the extent available, at least four examinations. The school district or the provider of the assessment must certify that the CBE meets all the requirements in TEC §28.023 and TAC §74.24(c)(2)-(4).

These must include College Board advanced placement (AP) exams and College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams. Additional CBEs may include those developed by Texas Tech University, The University of Texas at Austin, the school district, or another entity. A school district must have the approval of the school district board of trustees to develop its own tests or to purchase examinations.

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A school district must provide opportunities for a student who is homeless or in substitute care who transfers to the district after the start of the school year to be administered credit by examination at any point during the school year.

10. When does my district offer credit by exam?

Within the windows established by rule, the district may develop its own schedule for administering credit by examination as it fits their resources. The testing window must be designed to meet the needs of all students. The dates must be publicized in the community. If you have questions regarding the



17. What additional annual reporting is required for a CBE for a course that has an end-of-course (EOC) assessment (e.g., Algebra I)?

For a CBE for a course that has an EOC assessment, and in accordance with TAC §74.24(c)(6), a school district or the provider of the CBE must also make public:

- all relevant test development specifications;
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