

TISD Offers Acceleration Exams

Taylor ISD is offering opportunities for secondary students to earn credit in academic subjects and for elementary students to accelerate a grade level by passing the appropriate examinations for acceleration. Exams will be offered for all grade levels 1-5 and most TEKS-based courses in grades 6-12. The purpose of examination for acceleration is to allow a student to accelerate and earn credit for a particular course or grade level without formal instruction in that course or grade level. The student must score a minimum of 80% on the required tests for the course or grade level the student wants to accelerate. Elementary students must earn at least 80% on each grade-level exam (English language arts/reading, math, science, and social studies) to accelerate. Any TISD student is eligible to participate in testing without charge at the time of the regularly scheduled administration.

The summer testing dates and registrations deadlines are:

Test Dates	Registration Period	Deadline
June 4-5, 2018	April 16 – May 4, 2018	May 4, 2018
July 31- Aug. 2, 2018	June 4-22 , 2018	June 22, 2018

Students interested in participating in the examination for acceleration program should pick up a registration form from the counselor's office at their school.

Registration forms must be returned to the counselor's office by the end of the regular school day on May 4, 2018 for the June test dates.

Questions concerning the examination for acceleration program may be directed to the school counselor or to Debbie Matthys, TISD Assessment Coordinator, at (512) 352-6361.

2018 Taylor ISD Credit by Exam with Prior Instruction

What is Credit by Exam with Prior Instruction?

Middle school and high school students may test in state-approved courses for which there is an exam. Students must score at least 70% on each semester exam to earn a full course credit in a year-long course. Semester grades will not be averaged together to determine meeting the 70% requirement. A student who has previously taken a course or subject—but did not receive credit for it—may, in circumstances determined by the principal, be permitted to earn credit by passing an exam on the essential knowledge and skills defined for that course or subject. Prior instruction may include students who have been homeschooled or coursework by a student transferring from a non-accredited school.

The exams are criterion-referenced exams, which are purchased from The University of Texas at Austin, Texas Tech University, or another entity approved by the Taylor ISD Board of Trustees.

Who is eligible to take these tests?

Taylor ISD students currently enrolled in grade 6 through Grade 12 are eligible to test. A student who has previously taken a course or subject—but did not receive credit for it—may, in circumstances determined by the principal, be permitted to earn credit by passing an exam on the essential knowledge and skills defined for that course or subject. Prior instruction may include students who have been homeschooled or coursework by a student transferring from a non-accredited school. Students are required to submit proof of prior instruction for homeschooling or a transcript from the non-accredited school.

Where?

Exams will be administered at either a student's campus or the TISD Central Administration Office.

When?

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Dec/Jan. TBD	Nov. 2018	

Fee?

The cost of each exam is approximately \$60, which is paid for by the district. You must have superior knowledge to perform well on these tests, so please carefully consider your commitment and ability to perform well on these exams before district resources are expended on your behalf.

How to Register?

Students or parents may pick up a registration form from a school counselor. After the form has been completed and signed by a parent, it must be returned to a school counselor by the end of the school day according to the deadlines shown above or to the central office Curriculum and Assessment Department.

What to Bring?

Testing materials such as pencils, notebook paper, and calculators, will be furnished by the campus or district.