



Credit by Exam

State Policy

The Texas Education Agency has outlined specific requirements for credit by examination. Fruitvale ISD will adhere to this guidance.

[Texas Education Agency - Credit by Examination](#)

Testing Window

The district expects the credit by exam process to take a minimum of six weeks to complete. This timeframe provides time for exam registration, additional exam tasks (high school courses), completing the exams, and scoring. Students may take up to two exams in a given week with at least one day separating the exams.

Interest in credit by exam may be submitted at any time; however, the timeframe needs to allow for a six-week window of completion before the student is scheduled to begin the course. If the student is currently taking or has already completed a portion of the course(s), then credit by exam is no longer an option.

For high school courses, Fruitvale ISD will adhere to the test window and requirements of the Credit by Exam vendors. These assessments will be completed online and may have additional requirements as designed by the vendor. The Credit by Exam vendors' assessment requirements may exceed our local six-week window of completion.

Elementary and Middle School Students

If a parent or guardian wishes to explore grade acceleration for their child (e.g., skipping a grade), the student will need to complete the appropriate battery of exams for the grade using the district's approved assessments for the grade and courses.

Students will need to complete the four core-subject exams for their incoming grade level. For example, if an incoming third grader wishes to accelerate to grade 4, then he/she will need to complete the grade 3 reading-language arts, math, science, and social studies exams to receive credit for grade 3 and accelerate to grade 4.

Students must score 80% or higher on each exam to be considered for grade acceleration. For NWEA MAP Growth, students need to score in the 80th percentile or higher. A student may not attempt the credit-by-exam assessment for grade-level subject more than two times.

The parent or guardian needs to express interest in writing to the child's current campus principal. The current campus principal will notify the assistant superintendent and receiving principal (if applicable). The assistant superintendent will support the campus in organizing the assessment process.

The current principal, receiving principal (if applicable), and assistant superintendent will review the assessment scores to make a determination.

The following credit by exam assessments will be utilized for elementary and middle school students:

- NWEA MAP Growth Reading
- NWEA MAP Growth Math
- NWEA MAP Growth Science
- Locally Developed Social Studies Exam
- Locally Developed Writing Task

High School Students

If a high school student wishes to earn credit for a course without first taking the course, he or she can access the credit by exam process. The student will need to complete the appropriate course exam(s) using the district's approved assessments for the course. Students cannot complete an online course via Edgenuity (or other learning systems) outside of the school day to receive credit of course. Students seeking to enroll in Edgenuity (or other learning system) courses need to meet the district guidelines for online courses.

Students must score 80% or higher on the course exam to receive credit by exam. A student may not attempt the credit-by-exam assessment for a course more than two times.

The student's parent or guardian needs to express interest in writing to the secondary principal. The secondary principal will notify the assistant superintendent and high school counselor. The assistant superintendent will support the campus in organizing the assessment process.

The secondary principal, assistant superintendent, high school counselor will review the assessment scores to make a determination.

The following credit by exam vendors will be utilized for high school courses:

- Texas Tech University ISD
- The University of Texas at Austin High School
- Locally Developed Exams