

INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING:
CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITH PRIOR INSTRUCTION

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PURPOSE	With the prior recommendation of the appropriate administrator or designee, a student may use credit by examination to demonstrate mastery and earn credit in selected academic courses in grades 6-12. Such examinations shall assess the student's mastery of the essential knowledge and skills and shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee. Credit by examination is not to be used for course validation. Course validation is administered at the campus level and not through credit by examination.
TEST SELECTION	The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for development or selection of tests to be used to grant credit to students with prior instruction in a subject area or grade level. Whether tests are developed by the District or purchased from a State Board-approved university or other appropriate source, each examination shall thoroughly test the essential knowledge and skills in the applicable grade level or subject area.
EXCEPTION	Credit by examination shall not be offered for "performance" courses such as, but not limited to, physical education, band, choral music, art, and trade classes.
TEST DATES	The Superintendent or designee shall establish a schedule of dates when examinations for acceleration shall be administered and shall ensure that such dates are published in the Student Handbook and in other District publications, as appropriate.
ELIGIBILITY	To be eligible to earn credit by examination with prior instruction, a student shall have either failed a course or completed 90% of the semester. Under special circumstances, the counselor and the principal or principal's designee shall determine a student's eligibility to earn credit by examination with prior instruction.
EXCESSIVE ABSENCES	On recommendation of the attendance committee, a student who has excessive absences may be permitted to earn or regain course credit through credit by examination.
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	Credit by examination shall not be used to gain eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities.
CREDIT APPROVAL	To receive credit, a student shall earn a grade of 70 or above on

the examination. If the student passes, the credit shall automatically be granted, and the actual grade earned shall be recorded in the student's academic achievement record (AAR). If the student does not pass, he/she will not be eligible to retake the exam in the subject in which the exam was failed. In these cases, other options such as correspondence courses may be considered in order to receive credit.

PROCEDURES

Tests shall be administered according to procedures approved by the Superintendent or designee. Requests for credit by examination shall be made to the principal or principal designee. The student shall be given a district-approved examination designated for credit by examination on designated examination dates. A maximum number of 2 exams per student may be taken per testing session.

FEE

The District shall impose a fee for test administration. This fee shall be waived for students receiving free or reduced price lunch.

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