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INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING:  
CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITHOUT PRIOR  
INSTRUCTION

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PURPOSE	A student may use credit by examination for acceleration. A student planning to take an examination for acceleration shall be required to register with the school counselor or principal designee no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled testing date on which the student wishes to take the test. An application form may be requested from the school counselor. The application must be signed by the student, parent, counselor, and principal.
TEST SELECTION	The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for development or selection of tests to be used to grant credit to students without 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 exam shall not be offered for “performance” courses such as, but not limited to, physical education, band, choral music, art, and career and technology.
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	A student may take a test for credit by examination without prior instruction in grades K-8 and selected high school courses in which he/she has had no prior instruction.
CREDIT APPROVAL	For grades 1-12, a student shall earn a grade of 90 or above on the examination in order to receive credit. For kindergarten, credit is awarded based on committee approval (see Kindergarten Acceleration). 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,

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he/she will not be eligible to retake the exam in the subject in which the exam was failed.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to allow a five-year-old student, within the first four weeks of the student's enrollment in kindergarten, to be placed in first grade. Criteria for acceleration may include:

1. Scores on readiness test(s) and/or achievement test(s) that may be administered by appropriate District personnel.
2. Recommendation of the kindergarten or preschool the student has attended.
3. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student.
4. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal and Superintendent.

A campus acceleration committee composed of the principal or principal's designee, a kindergarten teacher, a first grade teacher, and the parent must unanimously approve the advancement to first grade.

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