

NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

CREDIT-BY-EXAM (CBE) 2023-2024

CBE Testing Schedule 2023-2024

Eligible Students	Purpose of Test	Test Date	Application Deadline
Enrolled Kindergarten students	Acceleration	Summer 2023	August 2, 2023
Enrolled Students, Grades 1-8	Acceleration: MS math only	September 9, 2023	September 1, 2023
Enrolled Students, Grades 1-12	Acceleration, Recovery, and/ or Validation	December 9, 2023	November 8, 2023
		January 27, 2024	January 10, 2024
		April 20, 2024	March 20, 2024
		June 8, 2024	May 14, 2024
		July 20, 2024	June 18, 2024

CBE Subjects and Levels

Kindergarten	Language Arts, Mathematics (<i>must pass both subjects</i>)
Grade level Acceleration: 1st-8th	Mathematics A/B, Science A/B, English Language Arts A/B, Social Studies A/B (<i>must pass all 4 subjects</i>)
High School credits	English 1-4, Algebra 1-2, Geometry, Math Models, Pre-Calculus, Biology 1, IPC, Chemistry 1, Physics 1, World Geography, World History, US History, US Government, Economics, Health Education, Spanish 1-3, French 1-2, German 1-2

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Acceleration** applies to students attempting to test out of a grade level or course without having had any prior instruction.
 - Kinder - 8th grade students may only accelerate out of one entire grade level and must score an 80% or higher on each individual exam.
 - Elementary & Middle school acceleration into a new grade level will only occur at the beginning of the school year. Mid-year and End-of-year acceleration is not allowed, therefore students will become eligible for acceleration at the beginning of the following school year.
 - Students are only eligible to apply for exams for which all prerequisite courses have been met according to the NISD Course Catalog & TEA (see your Campus Counselor for more information).
- **Validation** applies to students needing to validate credit from homeschool or non-accredited private/public school (proof required). A score of 70% or higher is required on each individual exam.
- **Recovery** applies to students trying to recover credit for a failed course (proof required). A score of 70% or higher is required on each individual exam.
- **Kindergarten:** Test Proctors will contact the parent/ guardian to set up test sessions for June, July, or early August.
- **1st-5th grade:** Student's attempting to accelerate out of the 1st-5th grade level, must choose two (2) test dates. The first session includes 2 exams (Math and Science) and students must score an 80% or higher on **both** exams to continue testing. If applicable, English Language Arts and Social Studies will then be taken at the second test session. Students must score 80% or higher in all four subject areas (math, social studies, language arts, science) to accelerate out of a grade level.
- **6th-8th grade:** Student's attempting to accelerate out of the 6th-8th grade level & are currently enrolled in Advanced Math need to choose three (3) test dates, one date per each subject: Social Studies A/B, Lang.Arts A/B, & Science A/B. If the student is currently enrolled in an on-level math course, please choose four (4) test dates (Math A/B, Social Studies A/B, Lang.Arts A/B, & Science A/B). Each test date will include 2 exams (A & B semester).
- Special consideration needs to be made for magnet students. Acceleration and/or scores earned on the Credit-by-Exam may impact the student's GPA and/or the course schedule. NISD recommends that any magnet student that wishes to continue on their magnet program path attain their credits through their traditional magnet program pathway, rather than through Credit-by-Exam. See your Magnet Campus Counselor for more information.
- **High School:** If a student fails to earn credit by exam for a specific high school course before the beginning of the school year in which the student would ordinarily be required to enroll in that course in accordance with the school district's prescribed course sequence, the student must satisfactorily complete the course to receive credit [19 TAC§74.24(c)(7)]. Passing scores are recorded in the student record and, at the high school level, these scores are used in computing the student's grade point average. Honors or A/P credits are not awarded via CBE.
- Northside ISD uses exams purchased from Texas Tech and/or University of Texas to evaluate a student's mastery of Texas standards for a given subject or discipline. Scoring for these exams may take up to 4 weeks. Any retest requested will be ordered through the University of Texas at the cost of the parent/ guardian. Students are allowed only two attempts per subject area.
- The District reserves the right to schedule a test on a date other than the requested test date depending on capacity.