

NORTHSIDE ISD - CREDIT-BY-EXAM

Credit-by-Exam (CBE) is a testing program offered by Northside ISD for currently enrolled students in Kindergarten and 1st through 12th grade. The purpose of CBE can be for Acceleration (testing out of a grade level or course without having had any prior instruction), Validation of home school or non-accredited private or public school credit when other methods are not available, and/or Recovery of credit for a failed course.

CBE Testing Schedule 2026-2027

Eligible Students	Purpose of Test	Test Date	Application Deadline
5 years old by Sept. 1	Kindergarten Acceleration	Summer 2026 (June & July)	Wednesday, July 1, 2026
Middle School students only	Math Acceleration only	August 4-6, 2026	Thursday, July 30, 2026
1st - 12th grade students	ES & MS Grade Level Acceleration, MS Math Acceleration or HS course Acceleration, Recovery, and/or Validation	Saturday, July 11, 2026	Wednesday, June 10, 2026
		Saturday, October 24, 2026	Wednesday, September 23, 2026
		Saturday, March 20, 2027	Wednesday, February 17, 2027
		Saturday, May 22, 2027	Wednesday, April 21, 2027
		Saturday, July 10, 2027	Wednesday, June 9, 2027

CBE Subjects and Levels

Grade Level	CBE Subjects (Prerequisite & Grade-level requirements, apply to all CBEs)	
Kindergarten Acceleration	Language Arts and Mathematics (<i>students must take & pass both subjects</i>)	
1st-8th Grade level Acceleration	Mathematics, Science, English Language Arts, and Social Studies (<i>students must take & pass all 4 subjects depending on current Math level</i>)	
MS Math Acceleration	Math 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, and 8B (1-3 CBEs required depending on current Math level)	
High School Level Courses (available in full or half credits A/B)	English	English 1A, English 1B, English 2A, English 2B, English 3A, English 3B, English 4A, English 4B
	Math	Algebra 1A, Algebra 1B, Algebra 2A, Algebra 2B, Geometry A, Geometry B, Math Models A, Math Models B, Pre-Calculus A, Pre-Calculus B
	Science	Biology A, Biology B, Chemistry A, Chemistry B, IPC-A, IPC-B, Physics A, Physics B
	Social Studies	Economics, Government, US History A, US History B, World Geography A, World Geography B, World History A, World History B
	World Languages	French 1A, French 1B, French 2A, French 2B, German 1A, German 1B, German 2A, German 2B, Spanish 1A, Spanish 1B, Spanish 2A, Spanish 2B, Spanish 3A, Spanish 3B
	Other	Health Education

NISD orders & proctors CBEs through [Texas Tech University K12](#) to evaluate a student's mastery of Texas standards for a given subject. Scoring of these exams are conducted through TTU K12 & may take up to 4 weeks to process. Scores are based on a numerical scale of 0-100 and no other information or feedback is provided by TTU K12 other than the numerical scores on the score report. Please visit their website for study guides & exam information. Students are allowed only two attempts per subject area & may take a specific exam only once during each testing window (Jan.1-March 31, April 1-June 30, July 1-Sept.30, Oct.1-Dec.31). All grade level acceleration will only occur at the beginning of the school year (mid-year and end-of-year acceleration is not allowed) and may only accelerate out of one entire grade level per year. Passing scores (80% or higher for acceleration; 70% or higher for validation or recovery) are maintained in the student record and, for high school level courses, these scores are posted to the student's transcript and are used in computing the student's High School Grade Point Average (HS GPA).