



# Hitchcock

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Exam for Acceleration 2016-2017 Procedures

Hitchcock ISD administers an Exam for Acceleration (EA) during the summer. This exam is designed to provide an opportunity to receive credit for a grade level or course in which the student has had no prior instruction according to Hitchcock ISD board policies EHDC Legal and EHDC Local. Parents interested in having their children screened for the EA should contact Ms. Guerra, Curriculum Coordinator at 409-316-6545.

#### **Exam for Acceleration (EA) Process**

- Students must be enrolled in Hitchcock ISD in order to participate in the Exam for Acceleration.
- Parent(s) fill out the registration form for the exam and submits the form to the curriculum office for signature approval along with the required deposit.
- There is no charge for these tests. However, a deposit in the form of check or money order made out to Hitchcock ISD and equal to the cost of the test is required for all tests and must be submitted with the registration form. If the student attends the test administration, this deposit will be returned when the student's scores are reported to parents. The deposit will not be returned if a student registers for the exam and does not attend. The cost of each exam is \$35.00

#### **Kindergarten Acceleration**

State law requires that students be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> for entry into kindergarten.

Additionally, the following criteria are considered:

- Student had completed kindergarten in a private school in Texas
- Student had completed kindergarten in a public school out-of-state
- Parent request

Students will take four exams: English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Student must receive a score of 80% or higher on all four exams in order to be accelerated to first grade.

#### **First Grade Acceleration**

State law requires that students be 6 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> for entry into kindergarten.

Additionally, the following criteria are considered:

- Student had demonstrated above-level achievement on the end-of-year kindergarten assessments
- Student had been formally identified as Gifted/Talented
- Parent request

Students will take four exams: English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Student must receive a score of 80% or higher on all four exams in order to be accelerated to second grade.

#### **Second to Eight Grade Acceleration**

The following criteria are considered:

- Student had demonstrated above-level achievement on the grade level assessments
- A teacher recommends that the student be accelerated to the higher grade level
- Parent approval

Students will take four exams: English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Student must receive a score of 80% or higher on all four exams in order to be accelerated to the next grade level.

**High School Acceleration**

- Students must take an exam for each semester of an academic course for which they are attempting to earn credit.
- The student must earn at least 80% on both semester exams to receive credit for the course.
- If a student is given credit in a subject on the basis of an examination, the examination score will be entered on the student's transcript.
- The student is not required to take an applicable end-of-course state assessment for that course.
- The exam for acceleration score will not be computed in class rank.

**Important Dates**

First administration

Registration form due on April 3, 2017

Test date May 10, 2017.

Second administration

Registration form due on May 15, 2017

Test date June 21, 2017.

**Study Guides**

They are available for all K-12 tests in a free online printable format, available even before students are enrolled. These resources are available at <http://www.utexas.edu/ce/k16/cbe-ea/study-guides/>

**Tests Results**

Tests will be sent to UT for scoring. Reports to parents will be mailed upon receipt from UT in about two weeks.