

**2018-2019
Credit by Exam for Acceleration 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)/Guardian(s) fill out the registration form for the exam and submit 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.

2018-2019 Deposit per Individual Exam for Acceleration (UT)

Kindergarten	\$140 for the four required exams for a grade level (\$35 each)
Grades 1-8	\$35 per subject area or \$140 for the four exams for a grade level
Grades 9-12	\$35 per semester exam (1/2 credit) or \$70 per full year exam (1 credit)

- After the exams are ordered, the campus counselor will schedule the date/time/location for the administration and notify the students and parents at least one week in advance. The district does not provide study guides, textbooks, or other resource materials to students to prepare for the examinations. However, resources are available to students and parents at: <http://www.utexas.edu/ce/k16/cbe-ea/study-guides/>
- Exams will be sent to UT for scoring. Score reports will be delivered upon receipt from UT.

Grade Acceleration

Exams for Acceleration are offered in June for students enrolled in HISD. Application should be made through the curriculum coordinator. Application deadline for the exam session is listed on the registration form. No other Exams for Acceleration are offered during the school year. Student placement in a new grade level will only occur at the start of a school year. Once a student has begun a grade level or course, the student is no longer eligible to take the corresponding Exam for Acceleration.

Kindergarten Acceleration

State law requires that students be five years old by September 1st for entry into Kindergarten. A student who attends private Kindergarten when the student is five years old, may take the Kindergarten Exams for Acceleration the following year. A student must be enrolled in Hitchcock ISD in order to participate in the Kindergarten Exams for Acceleration during the summer. Students will take four exams: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Per HISD Board Policy EHDC(LEGAL) a student must receive a score of 80% or higher on all four exams in order to be considered for acceleration to first grade. Other requirements outlined in EHDC(LOCAL) also apply.

Acceleration for Grades 1 through 8

Students will take four exams: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students must receive a score of 80% or higher on all four exams in order to be considered for acceleration to the next grade level.

High School Course Acceleration (Grades 9 through 12)

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 an 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 exam in which the student scored an 80% or higher, then the exam score will be entered on the student's transcript. The exam score will not be computed in class rank.