



**Exam for Acceleration /
Credit by Exam
2019-2020**

<u>Test dates for 2019-2020</u>	<u>Deadline for Enrolling</u>
October 5	Sept. 5
January 11	Dec. 11
June 2-3	May 1
July 21-22	June 18

These are the only dates exams will be given in HPISD for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Procedures for Enrolling: Students and/or parents should pick up the application for Exam by Acceleration/Credit by Exam from the Counseling Office. Completed applications should be returned to the student's counselor who will sign and forward to the District Testing Coordinator. Dr. Brown will order the appropriate test from the University of Texas.

Deposit Fee: Students are asked to pay \$35 for each exam ordered. The district only accepts checks (no cash). For high school exams, the fee is \$35 for each semester exam. The fee will be refunded when the student takes the exam. If your student is undergoing TAG testing and results are not final prior to the registration deadline listed above, the exam for acceleration deposit will not be refunded regardless of TAG placement. Dr. Brown, test administrator, (214-780-3088) will contact students who apply with the exact time and location of exams. Checks are made payable to Highland Park ISD.

Review/Study Materials: Students should obtain a review sheet for their exam as soon as possible. Students may get the review sheet online at www.utexas.edu/cee/dec/k12review.shtml.

Textbooks: If a student would like to review a course textbook, he/she may contact his/her campus textbook coordinator for inquiries about borrowing or ordering textbooks. Students should note that campus textbook coordinators will not be able to assist students with textbook inquiries in late June or the month of July. Specialty Books 1-800-466-1365 may also help students locate texts. The student must assume responsibility for locating needed study materials.

Additional Testing Locations: If a student wishes to take an exam at other times than those listed above, the student may contact UT at 1-512-232-5000. Exams may be taken at area campuses, i.e. SMU, UTA or on the UT campus for a fee. Students and/or parents are responsible for contacting UT to schedule these exams. In all cases, the HP application and the Out of District application must be obtained from the student's Highland Park counselor and completed with all required signatures.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- What is the difference between credit by exam and exam for acceleration? Exams for Acceleration are given to any student without prior instruction in a course or specialized tutoring so they may earn course credit. Credit by Exam is given for credit recovery for those students who have received instruction, yet credit was not awarded for the course.
- What score must I make? Students must receive a 90 or above to receive credit for a course for acceleration. A score of 70 or above is needed for credit recovery.
- How long do I have to complete an exam? Three hours are allowed for most exams.
- Where are tests administered? Times and locations will be emailed to each student registered for an exam one week prior to the exam to the email address provided on the application.
- How often are Exams for Acceleration offered by HPISD? Exams are offered in the fall and spring semester as well as twice during the summer.
- How much does an Exam for Acceleration cost? If the exam is taken as scheduled at HPISD, the district assumes the cost. The exam must be taken within the time frame permitted by UT and on a published district testing date.
- How do I find out about my grade? Your grade will be mailed to your school. The school counselor will send you your official score report.
- Will my exam grade be on my transcript? Yes. Students in grades 6-8 who pass a high school course through credit by examination without prior instruction will not have their grade count toward the GPA, but it will appear on the transcript, in accordance with law. Students in grades 9-12 who pass a high school course through credit by examination without prior instruction will have the grade appear on the transcript and will be assigned grade points, in accordance with EIC(LOCAL).
- May I re-take the test? Yes, if you do not pass the first test you make take it one additional time. UT has two forms of most tests. Students may re-take using the different test form. You may not retake a test if you pass it the first time.