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**SPANISH EXAM FOR ACCELERATION (EFA)
Information for Students and Parents
Middle School
2019-2020**

This letter is intended to provide specific information in which students can receive Exam for Acceleration (EFA) credit in McAllen ISD. The process for EFA begin with students and parent speaking with the school principal. This will ensure that the test to be ordered is the one needed by the student. McAllen ISD cannot accept enrollment for EFA applications without McAllen ISD campus principal and parent’s signatures. After the last day of the window registration, McAllen ISD does not allow changes to be made to the exams ordered.

Additional information: The University of Texas at Austin High School https://highschool.utexas.edu/credit_by_exam.php 866-361-UTHS	Study guides are available at: https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe_study_guides
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EXAM FOR ACCELERATION (EFA)

Exams for Acceleration (EFAs) are offered to students in grades K- 12 who request to demonstrate proficiency in a grade level or course in which they have not previously been enrolled.

Grades 6 – 12

(EHDC Legal) A district shall give a student in grades 6–12 credit for an academic subject in which the student has received no prior instruction if the student scores:

1. A three or higher on a College Board advanced placement examination that has been approved by the board for the applicable course;
2. A scaled score of 50 or higher on an examination administered through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and approved by the board for the applicable course; or
3. Eighty percent or above on any other criterion-referenced test approved by the board for the applicable course.

**Calendar for Exam for Acceleration
SPANISH
2019 - 2020**

Application Deadline Cycle I: Aug. 30, 2019 Testing
Days: Sep.23 – 25, 2019
Tests Due to Bilingual Office: Sep. 27, 2019

Application Deadline Cycle II: Oct. 18, 2019
Testing Days: Nov.13 -15, 2019
Tests Due to Bilingual Office: Nov. 18, 2019

Application Deadline Cycle III: Feb 07, 2020
Testing Days: March 3–5, 2020
Tests Due to Bilingual Office: March 06, 2020

Application Deadline Cycle IV: April 24, 2020
Testing Days: May 19-21, 2020
Tests Due to Bilingual Office: May 22, 2020

- ✓ Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on the application deadline cycle date.
- ✓ Applications are submitted to the Bilingual Department by the Campus Testing Coordinator.
- ✓ Exam for Acceleration results arrive in approximately 4-6 weeks.



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Application for Exam for Acceleration (EFA) Spanish I, II, II
Section A: (To be completed by parent/guardian and administrator)

***Please return completed and signed application to your Spanish teacher.*

Student Last Name _____ Student First Name _____
 School _____ Student ID (Local) _____ DOB _____ Current Grade _____
 Parent/Guardian Name _____ Daytime Phone _____
 Mailing Address _____ email address _____

Please indicate the Spanish Level and current Grade Level.

High School Spanish I, II, or III (Please check one)	Exam for Acceleration – Without Prior Instruction: 7 th or 8 th Grade	Exam Date Please see attached testing schedule
D Spanish I A		
D Spanish I B		
D Spanish II A		
D Spanish II B		
D Spanish III A		
D Spanish III B		

- An 80% or higher is required to award credit. Please note, the passing grade (80% or higher) on the Exam for Acceleration will be posted on the student’s high school transcript. *(EHDC Legal)*
- Re-tests will be at parent’s expense. A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course more than two times. *(EHDC Legal)*.
- Parent signature below serves as written approval for accelerating the student if he/she meets the score requirements. *(EHDC Legal)*

I give permission for my child to be tested with the selected exam.

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print Principal Name _____ Principal Signature _____ Date _____

Section B: (for testing use only) Test(s) given:

1. _____ Date: _____ Score _____ Pass / Fail
 2. _____ Date: _____ Score _____ Pass / Fail