



## **Examination for Acceleration Grades 1 – 5 (Without Prior Instruction)**

You are receiving this packet of materials because you have expressed interest in testing for academic credit. In this packet you will find:

- Administrative Procedures
- A calendar of Testing and Registration Deadline Dates
- PISD Policy
  - Credit without prior instruction, policy EHDC (Local)
- An Application – Please make sure you:
  - have received the correct application for the grade level,
  - complete the application with all information clearly written and sign the application, and
  - return the application to the campus counselor before the registration deadline.



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**Administrative Procedures**

**I. General Provisions**

- A. Prosper ISD provides examinations for Credit by Exam. The district will provide dates each quarter for the administration of examination for Credit by Exam. The district has established the testing for grades K-12 according to board policy.
- B. Prosper ISD will administer the state approved examination in grades 1-12. A student may take a maximum of two tests per day. Applications for examination for Credit by Exam must be submitted in accordance with the published schedule.
- C. Examinations may be administered at a centralized location within the district.
- D. Dates of testing are posted on the Prosper ISD website.

**II. Assessment for Acceleration**

- A. A student in grades 1-5 must be accelerated to the next grade if he/she meets the following requirements:
  - a. The student scores an 80% on the approved criterion-referenced test for the grade level he/she wishes to skip in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, and
  - b. A committee consisting of the principal or designee, counselor, and classroom teacher recommends that the student be accelerated and the student's parent or guardian gives written approval for the acceleration.
- B. If an application is turned in and tests are ordered, the tests must be administered to the student or the parent will refund the district the amount of the tests.
- C. Placement in a new grade will only occur at the start of a school year regardless of when a CBE for acceleration is taken.

ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT  
CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION

EXAMINATIONS FOR ACCELERATION OR COURSE CREDIT

If a student in grades 1–12 wishes to accelerate to the next grade level or earn course credit without having received prior instruction in the grade level or course, the District shall offer opportunities in accordance with state law and State Board rules for the student to take a Board-approved examination for this purpose.

KINDERGARTEN ACCELERATION

In accordance with State Board rules, the Board shall approve procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee to allow a child who is five years old at the beginning of the school year to be assigned initially to grade 1 rather than kindergarten. Criteria for acceleration may include:

1. Scores on readiness tests or achievement tests that may be administered by appropriate District personnel.
2. Recommendation of the kindergarten or preschool the student has attended.
3. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student.
4. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal and Superintendent.



**APPLICATION FOR EXAM FOR ACCELERATION  
WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION  
GRADES 1 – 5**

Application Return: Return application to Campus Counselor  
Test Date: To be determined by campus

The purpose of the Exam for Acceleration is to allow students to earn credit for courses in which they have NOT had prior instruction, advance in grade level or progress to courses that challenge them without having to take prerequisites that cover information they already know. This service is offered to students free of charge for students without prior instruction. Students who register for an examination and do not take the examination(s), will be charged a fine equivalent to the cost of acquiring the examination(s). Please complete the information below:

Student's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Preferred Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student have a Section 504 Accommodation Plan or an Individual Education Plan (Special Education) that requires test accommodations? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (Note: If you are unsure about this question, please ask your school counselor).

Please indicate below whether you are applying for a grade level advancement or for credit in specific subject areas:

GRADES 1 – 5

\_\_\_ I wish to have my child skip grade level (please circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 to advance to the next grade level.

**SIGNATURES:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name (Please Print)

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School Rep. Name (Please Print)

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Parent's Signature & Date:

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School Rep. Signature & Date:



**Credit by Examination Calendar  
2023-2024**

<b><u>Testing Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Registration Deadline</u></b>
July 17-28, 2023	May 25, 2023
November 6-17, 2023	October 13, 2023
March 18-29, 2024	February 23, 2024
May 13-21, 2024	April 12, 2024

\*Contact your campus counselor for specific testing dates and times.