



**Examination for Acceleration Grades 6-12
(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
- 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 6 – 12 must be given credit for an academic subject in which he/she has had no prior instruction if the student scores a 80% or more on the approved criterion-referenced test for the applicable course.
- B. If an application is turned in and a test is ordered, the test must be administered to the student or the parent will refund the district the amount of the test.
- C. Placement in a new course will only occur at the start of a school year (or semester for semester courses) regardless of when a CBE for acceleration is taken.
- D. A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course more than two times.
- E. If a student is given high school credit in a subject on the basis of an examination, the school district must enter the examination score on the student's transcript.
- F. Any course in which the student is given credit by examination for acceleration will not be counted towards class rank or GPA. No honors, advanced credit or AP credit will be given for a course earned through the examination for acceleration process.

III. Examinations for Credit Retrieval

Secondary students who have lost credit due to absences, failing grades, etc. should see their counselor for information about credit by exam with prior instruction.

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 K – 12**

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:

KINDERGARTEN

___ I wish to have my five year old child skip kindergarten and advance directly to first grade.

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.

GRADES 6 – 12

___ I wish to have my child tested to receive credit in the following academic subject(s):

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Has there been previous instruction in this course?</i>
_____	___ 1 ___ 2	___ Yes ___ No
_____	___ 1 ___ 2	___ Yes ___ No
_____	___ 1 ___ 2	___ Yes ___ No

SIGNATURES:

Parent Name (Please Print) Student Name (Please Print) School Rep. Name (Please Print)

Parent's Signature & Date: Student's Signature & Date: School Rep. Signature & Date:
(Required for 6-12)



**Credit by Examination Calendar
2019-2020**

Grades 6-12 CBE

<u>Testing Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
July 31 & August 1, 2, 2018	June 4, 2019
November 18, 19, 20, 2019	October 28, 2019
March 23, 24, 25, 2020	February 27, 2020
June 1, 2, 3, 2020	April 30, 2020
*July 30 & August 4, 5, 2020	May 22, 2020
*November 17, 18 19, 2020	October 27, 2020

* July/August and November 2020 dates are subject to change once the 2020-2021 Prosper ISD School Calendar is released.