

**To:** All Counselors  
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**Subject:** Exam by Acceleration

***2018-19 School Year***

Registration Date	Test Dates
June 1-7	August 1-7
October 1-7	Dec 1-7
Jan 1-7	March 1-7
April 1-7	June 1-7

If have summarized the rules for this type of testing below.

You should have some type of information about this opportunity in your handbook.

After receiving the Exam by acceleration application please send it to Brenda Sandifer at the high school campus.

Wylie ISD  
Examination for Acceleration (AE) Guidelines

Examination for Acceleration is designed for students who have a good command of a subject or course and ***who have not had prior formal instruction***. Districts are required to offer Examinations for Acceleration at least four dates during each year.

1. Who may take Examination for Acceleration?
  - A. Any student who requests it.
  
2. Administrative Procedures

The Examination for Acceleration will be administered upon request.

  - A. The four testing opportunities during each year will be announced in the student handbook.
  - B. There will be a registration deadline before each testing period so that tests can be ordered and received before the testing time.
  - C. Each AE exam offers one-half unit of credit. Prerequisites must be met before testing can occur. For example, Alg 1 must be passed before the Alg. 2 test can be administered. Approved tests will be obtained from The Texas Tech or University of Texas Guided Distance Learning Program. These exams are coordinated with the TEKS as outlined by the Texas Education Agency. Secondary students will also be able to use the College Board Advanced Placement Tests (Score of 3) of the College Level Examination Program (score of 60%).
  
3. A student who has exceeded the maximum number absences is not eligible for Examination for Acceleration.
4. In order to receive credit for a course, the student must score in the 80% on the examination. This grade will be excluded when computing grade point average and class rank.
5. If a student is given credit in a subject based on an examination, the examination score must be posted on the transcript.
6. To apply for an Examination for Acceleration, a student must complete the independent study enrollment form and turn it in during the designated registration period. The exam will be sent directly to Wylie High School.
7. A Guided Study instructor will grade the examination and issue a numerical grade which will be reported to Wylie High School. To receive credit for a course, the student must score in the 80% on the exam.
8. In order to be successful on the examination the student should:
  - \*review the state-approved textbook for the course;
  - \*read over the Essential Knowledge and Skills for the course that will be tested on the exam and study any weak area;
9. A student is only permitted two attempts at earning credit through examination in a given subject and may not make any attempt after the time he would ordinarily be enrolled in the course.
10. A \$10 per exam deposit may be required for registration.

According to the Texas Education Code and the Texas Administrative Code, each school district must provide an opportunity for students who wish to accelerate their education. This is designed to provide students with an opportunity to advance without having had prior instruction in a course or a grade level. To accelerate in Grades 1 through 6, students will need to take four tests, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. Students must score 80% for each test to advance to the next grade level. Placement in a new grade will only occur at the start of a school year regardless of when a CBE acceleration is taken. In grades 7-12 students may take course exams by semester to advance. For example, if a student wishes to advance from 9<sup>th</sup> grade English to 10<sup>th</sup> grade English, the student must take the 9<sup>th</sup> grade first semester English exam and the 9<sup>th</sup> grade second semester English exam and score 80% on both exams to advance. Students who are five years of age and eligible for Kindergarten may also have the opportunity to accelerate. The parents of these students should contact the campus on which Kindergarten classes are held.

To comply with the Texas Education Code, Wylie Independent School District will adhere to the following schedule:

Four test administrations are required per year and the following test dates have been set:

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The tests will be given only on the publicized dates.

- 2) Parents wishing to have a child tested must register the child during the registration window.  
Contact the campus counselor where the child currently attends school for exam registration.
- 3) The Wylie Independent School District will use the tests approved by the Texas Administrative Code and provided by Texas Tech University. Tests from the College Board Advanced Placement and the College Level Examination Program will also be available for secondary students. (AP score 3 or above-CLEP score 60% or above)
- 4) A student is only permitted two attempts at earning credit through examination in a given subject and may not make any attempt after the time he would ordinarily be enrolled in the course.
- 5) Placement in a new grade will only occur at the start of a school year regardless of when CBE acceleration is taken.

The campus counselor should be contacted to answer specific questions.

The campus counselor will arrange the specific testing time and place

# Registration Form for Exam by Acceleration

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which tests you would like to take.

Grades 1-6-Must take all four tests!

Registration Fee-\$40.00 (Refunded upon administration of test)

1. Language Arts \_\_\_\_\_ Grade
2. Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ Grade
3. Science \_\_\_\_\_ Grade
4. Social Studies \_\_\_\_\_ Grade

## Grades 7-12

Registration Fee-\$10.00 for each test (Refunded upon administration of test). At this level, there is a test for each semester of a course. For example, a student will register for Spanish 1(A) and Spanish (B).

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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