

No. _____



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ First Reading of Policy EEJB (LOCAL): Individualized Learning Credit by Examination without

Prior Instruction _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Gloria S. Rendon _____ **OF:** _____ Asst. to the Superintendent _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: _____ February 16, 2009 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees First Reading of Policy EEJB (LOCAL): Individualized Learning Credit by Examination without Prior Instruction

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING
CREDIT BY EXAMINATION WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION

EEJB
(LOCAL)

TEST SELECTION	The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for development or selection of tests to be used to grant credit to students without prior instruction in a subject area or grade level. Whether tests are developed by the District or purchased from a source approved by the State Board of Education, each examination shall thoroughly test the essential knowledge and skills in the applicable grade level or subject area.
TEST DATES	The Superintendent or designee shall establish a schedule of dates when examinations for acceleration shall be administered to students in grades 1-12 and shall ensure that such dates are published in the student handbook and in other District publications, as appropriate.
REGISTRATION	A student planning to take an examination for acceleration shall be required to register with the principal or designee at least 30 days prior to the scheduled testing date on which the student wishes to take the test. Each student is required to complete and submit an Application of Intent to Test (UISD Form 872-012).
FEES	The District shall not charge for an examination for acceleration on the published dates provided by the District. or alternate dates. The District may deny a parent's or student's request for an alternate examination or alternate date. If a parent or student requests an alternate examination. If the District grants a request for an alternate exam, it the District may use administer a test purchased by the parent or student from a source approved by the State Board of Education.
CREDIT APPROVAL	Approval of credit or advancement on the basis of an examination for acceleration shall be by the Superintendent or designee, in accordance with State Board rules. A student must score a 90 or better on the examination to receive credit.
RECORDING CREDIT	Placement or credit granted based on the score obtained from the assessment shall be recorded on the permanent school record for grades 1-8 and on the academic achievement record for grades 9-12 as indicated in the Application of Intent to Test (UISD Form 872-012). If the student passes the credit by exam with a 90 or better the course grade will be computed in the student's grade point average and the actual grade earned shall be

recorded in the student's academic achievement record (AAR) unless the parent/guardian declines credit in written form within 30 days of being notified of the score.

KINDERGARTEN
ACCELERATION

A student who is not six years old at the beginning of the current school year is eligible for the first grade if the student has completed kindergarten in a TEA accredited school.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to allow a student not six years old at the beginning of the school year to be placed initially in first grade. Criteria for acceleration may include:

1. Scores on **District approved** readiness test(s) and/or achievement test(s) that may be administered by appropriate District personnel.
2. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student.
3. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal and Superintendent.



Application of Intent to Test Credit by Examination for Acceleration

Semester: ☐ Fall ☐ Spring Campus: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ ID# _____

Elementary (1-5)*

Grade Level to Skip:

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ 5th _____

*Must take all subject area tests (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies).

Middle School or High School

Intended Course(s): 1. _____ 2. _____

By signing this Application of Intent, my parents and I accept these provisions regarding Credit-By-Examination and thus have signed this form.

- ☐ Have conferred with my school counselor
- ☐ Have read and understood Board Policy EEJB (Local), which states that I must score a passing grade of "90" on the test to earn credit for acceleration for the applicable course. If I pass with a 90 or better, the course grade will be computed in my GPA unless my parent/guardian declines credit in writing within 30 days of being notified of the score.
- ☐ If I do not pass the Credit-By-Exam with a 90 or better, no credit will be awarded and the grade will not be recorded on my AAR nor will it be computed in my GPA.
- ☐ Have received review sheets from my counselor
- ☐ Understand I will not be allowed to retest on same exam the following semester if I fail the first time
- ☐ Understand UISD is providing the fee(s) for these exams and I WILL take the exam on designated test dates
- ☐ Understand that if I DO NOT take the exam, I will reimburse the fees paid by UISD

Student Signature Date Counselor Signature Date

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature Date Principal Signature Date

Teacher Recommendation: ☐ Recommended ☐ Do not recommend

Teacher Signature Date

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☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved

Director of Guidance & Counseling Date

Grades received by counselor _____ Date _____

Grades given to student/parent _____ Date _____

Grades given to registrar for input _____ Date _____

Cc: Counselor; Registrar and Student

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UISD Form 872-012
01/06/09