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**Approve Curriculum Department to purchase credit by exams from University of Texas**

Texas Administrative Code §74.24 allows each school district to purchase credit by exams from either Texas Tech University or from the University of Texas. The same section of T.A.C. requires that the district must have the permission of the district board of trustees before purchasing exams from one of those sources.

In the past, we have purchased our credit by exams from Texas Tech University as authorized by the same section of T.A.C. However, the curriculum department has determined that their exams are not a good reflection of the CISD curriculum for some courses. Furthermore, the Texas Tech exams have an approximate four week turnaround from administration to score report.

We are seeking permission to also use the University of Texas exams in areas where our curriculum staff has determined they are a better match to the CISD curriculum than the comparable Texas Tech exams. Additionally, The University of Texas has developed a new system to allow online scoring of the high school credit by exams. This will allow CISD to shorten our response time for CBE score reporting to more like one week rather than four weeks.

**Reference:**

**EEJB (LEGAL)**

“With Board approval, the District shall develop or purchase examinations for acceleration that thoroughly test the essential knowledge and skills for each primary school grade level and for credit for secondary school academic subjects.”