



CROSBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Regular Agenda Item

Meeting Date	April 21, 2025
Action	Approve the usage of the Avant STAMP for Sign Language Receptive and Expressive assessment as the American Sign Language Credit by Exam test for high school Languages Other Than English credit.
Motion	I move to approve the usage of the Avant STAMP for Sign Language Receptive and Expressive assessment as the American Sign Language Credit by Exam test for high school Languages Other Than English credit.
Administrative Recommendation	The Crosby ISD administration recommends the approval of the Avant STAMP for Sign Language Receptive and Expressive assessment as the American Sign Language Credit by Exam test for high school Languages Other Than English credit.
Authority for this Action	EHDC (Legal and Local) Alternative Methods for Earning Credit: Credit by Examination Without Prior Instruction
Goal/Objective Addressed	District Goal 1: College or Career Readiness Graduates of Crosby ISD will be prepared for success after high school by being adequately prepared for either college or work force success.
Background	<p>Credit by exam (CBE) is one method for students to demonstrate proficiency in grade level or course content. The Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.023, allows students to either accelerate a grade level or earn credit for a course based on credit by examination.</p> <p>Credit by examination assessments (CBEs) must be approved by each local board of trustees for their district. CBEs are administered by the district or test provider in accordance with local district policy. Scores are reported directly to the school district and/or student. TEA does not have access to student results for CBE.</p> <p>For each high school course, a local board is required to approve at least four CBEs, to the extent available. Exams that must be accepted as CBE assessments are those developed by —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The College Board Advanced Placement (AP), and• The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), <p>Additional CBE assessments may be purchased from or developed by—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Texas Tech University ISD,• The University of Texas at Austin High School,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another provider approved by the local board of trustees, or • The local school district. <p>Avant STAMP for ASL was designed for second-language learners of ASL and Children of Deaf Adults (CODA). The Receptive skill assessment may be used as an evaluation for a variety of ASL learners. The Expressive skill may only be administered to learners age 13+ to meet privacy laws for younger test takers.</p> <p>A parent request has been submitted for a student to take the American Sign Language exam prior to the start of the 2025 – 26 school year.</p>
Staffing Implications	Staff members will proctor the assessment for each test administration.
Budget Information	The cost of each individual assessment from Avant is \$99.90. A school district is prohibited from charging a fee for credit by examination.
Impact of this Action	Approval of this item will allow students to earn Languages Other Than English high school credit without prior instruction.
Attachments	EXHIBIT – BACKUP – RB – Avant Quote for American Sign Language Assessment
Resource Personnel	Jewel Whitfield, Assistant Superintendent of Administration Brandi Gosnay, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction