PURPOSE

The purpose of credit by examination without prior instruction includes promotion from one grade to another in grades 1–5 for accelerated students or granting of credit requirements for particular courses in grades 6–12 for accelerated students.

Examinations offered will include:

1. In grades 1–5:
   a. Language arts;
   b. Mathematics;
   c. Social studies; and
   d. Science.
2. In grades 6–12, academic-level and honors/above grade-level classes:
   a. English/language arts;
   b. Mathematics;
   c. Social studies;
   d. Science; and
   e. Health.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

In grades 1–5, a student must:

1. Have permission from a parent or guardian to take the examination(s);
2. Apply to test in a grade beyond the student's current grade; and
3. Have the counselor agree that the student meets the eligibility criteria.

In grades 6–12, a student must:

1. Have permission from a parent or guardian to take the examination(s);
2. Apply to take examinations only in courses more advanced than those completed previously and those in which enrolled currently; and
3. Have the counselor agree that the student meets the eligibility criteria.

PASSING STANDARDS

In grades 1–5, the passing standard is a score of 90 percent or above on a District (or District-adopted) test measuring the Texas

Essential Knowledge and Skills for the grade to be skipped in reading, writing, language skills, mathematics, science, and social studies.

In grades 6–12, the passing standard is a score of 90 percent or above on a District test measuring the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for the course.

GRANTING OF CREDIT

In grades 1–5, students may be advanced one grade if they meet the passing standards described above.

In grades 6–12, students will receive credit for a course if they meet the passing standards described above.

RECORDS

Test scores and credits will be recorded on the permanent school record for grades 1–6 or on the academic achievement record for high school credit courses in grades 7–12.

LIMITATION ON USE OF CREDIT

Students may not test in a course in which they are enrolled.

Students earning credit in grades 6–12 will receive neither grades nor grade points counting for class rank.

APPLICATION / APPROVAL

In grades 6–12, students must complete an application at least four weeks prior to the test date. Students will be limited to taking examinations to earn no more than two credits per test administration period. Determination of testing eligibility will be made and communicated to the student and parent/guardian at least ten days prior to the testing date.

APPEAL OF ELIGIBILITY DECISION

In grades 1–5, appeals will be made to the associate superintendent for curriculum and instructional services.

In grades 6–12, appeals will be made to the principal, then to the associate superintendent for curriculum and instructional services.

EXAMINATION PROCEDURE

Examinations will be provided at least twice a year on dates specified by the executive director for instructional programs and accountability and listed in the *Program of Studies*. District staff will proctor examinations.

Students observed to be cheating will be dismissed from the examination session and will be denied advanced placement.

Tests will be scored by District staff and will be reported to the student's parent/guardian by the counselor.