

Sec. 1. CREDIT BY EXAMINATION (WITH PRIOR INSTRUCTION)

The Principal (or a student’s attendance committee, as applicable) has authority to offer a student in any of grades 6–12 credit for an academic subject in which the student had some prior instruction if the student scores 70% on a criterion-referenced test approved by the Board for the particular course. In order to obtain credit by examination with prior instruction, a student in any of grades 6–12 must also satisfy the following local requirements:

Credit by Exam

If a Student has Prior Instruction

A student in grades 9–12 who has previously taken a course or subject (but did not receive credit for it) may, in circumstances determined by the Principal or designee, be permitted to earn credit by passing an exam on the essential knowledge and skills defined for the course or subject. To receive credit, a student must score at least 70% on the exam.

The Attendance Review Committee may also offer a student with excessive absences an opportunity to receive credit for a course by passing an exam.

If a Student Has Not Taken the Course

A student will be permitted to take an exam to earn credit for an academic course or subject area for which the student has had no prior instruction or to accelerate to the next grade level. The exams offered by Positive Solutions Charter School are approved by the Board of Directors. The dates on which exams are scheduled during the school year will be published in an appropriate school publication and on the Positive Solutions Charter School website.

A student in grade 9 or above will earn course credit with a passing score of at least 80 on the exam, or a score designated by the state for an exam that has alternate scoring standards. A student may take an exam to earn course credit no more than twice. If a student fails to achieve the designated score on the approved exam before the beginning of the school year in which the student would need to enroll in the course according to the school’s course sequence, the student must complete the course.

If a student plans to take an exam, the student (or parent) must register with the Principal no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled testing date. Positive Solutions Charter School will not honor a request by a parent to administer a test on a date other than the published dates. If Positive Solutions Charter School agrees to administer a test other than the one

chosen by the school, the student’s parent will be responsible for the cost of the exam.

Any criterion-referenced test approved by the Board shall assess the student’s mastery of the essential knowledge and skills and shall be administered according to established Positive Solutions Charter School procedures.

Prior to offering a student an opportunity to demonstrate mastery or earn credit by this method, an appropriate Positive Solutions Charter School employee shall review the student’s records to determine whether the student has had prior instruction in the subject or course.

19 TAC 74.24(c)(12).

Sec. 2. CREDIT BY EXAMINATION (WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION)

With Board approval, Positive Solutions Charter School 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.

a) *Kindergarten Acceleration*

The Board shall approve procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee (in accordance with State Board of Education (“SBOE”) rules) to allow a child who is five years old at the beginning of the school year to be assigned initially to First Grade rather than Kindergarten. Criteria for acceleration may include:

1. Scores on readiness tests or achievement tests that may be administered by appropriate Positive Solutions Charter School personnel.
2. Recommendation of the kindergarten or preschool the student has attended.
3. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student.
4. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the Principal and Superintendent.

19 TAC 74.24(b)(1).

b) *Grade 1 through Grade 5*

The Board shall approve procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee (in accordance with SBOE rules) to accelerate a student in grades 1–5 one grade if the student meets the following requirements:

1. The student scores 80% or above on a criterion-referenced test for the grade level to be skipped in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies;

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2. A Positive Solutions Charter School representative recommends that the student accelerate; and
3. The student's parent gives written approval of the acceleration.

19 TAC 74.24(b)(2).

c) *Grade 6 through Grade 12*

Positive Solutions Charter School shall give a student in grades 6–12 for an academic subject in which he or she has not had prior instruction if the student scores:

1. A three or higher on a College Board advanced placement examination that has been approved by the Board for the applicable course;
2. A scaled score of 50 or higher on an examination administered through the College-Level Examination Program and approved by the Board for the applicable course; or
3. 80% on any other criterion-referenced test approved by the Board for the applicable course.

19 TAC 74.24(c)(8).

For each high school course, the Board shall approve at least four examinations that shall include College Board advanced placement examinations and examinations administered through the College-Level Examinations Program. The approved examinations may include those developed by:

1. Texas Tech University;
2. The University of Texas at Austin;
3. Positive Solutions Charter School; or
4. Another entity if the assessment meets all requirements under 19 TAC 74.26(c)(2).

19 TAC 74.24(c)(1)-(2).

A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course more than two times. If a student fails to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course before the beginning of the school year in which the student would ordinarily be required to enroll in that course in accordance with Positive Solutions Charter School's prescribed course sequence, the student must satisfactorily complete the course to receive credit for the course.

19 TAC 74.24(c)(9)-(10).

d) *Fees*

Positive Solutions Charter School shall not charge for a Board-approved examination for

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acceleration for each primary school grade level or for credit for secondary school academic subjects. If a parent requests an alternative examination, Positive Solutions Charter School may administer and recognize results of a test purchased by the parent or student from Texas Tech University or the University of Texas at Austin.

19 TAC 74.24(a)(3).