



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report

Date: August, 2009

SUBJECT: CREDIT BY EXAM SUMMARY

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- Credit by Exam is a general term which includes exams taken by (a) students in grades 7-12 to recover credit for a course and/or (b) students in grades K-12 attempting to accelerate a grade level or course without prior instruction.
- Board policy EEJB(LEGAL), defines the passing requirement for credit recovery as 70% and the passing requirement for acceleration is 90%.
- In grades K-8, to accelerate a grade level the student must score a 90% on all four content area tests (English, Math, Science, Social Studies).
- Credit by Exam tests are purchased through Texas Tech University, which is a state approved institution for K-12 Credit by Exams.

Administrative Considerations:

- Policy requires the district to administer acceleration tests at least six days per academic year at no cost to students.
- 2009-2010 Credit by Exam for Credit Recovery
 - December 1, 2, & 3, 2009
 - March 30, 31, & April 1, 2010
 - June 15, 16, & 17, 2010
 - July 13, 14 & 15, 2010
- 2009-2010 Credit by Exam for Acceleration
 - June 15, 16, & 17, 2010
 - July 13, 14, & 15, 2010

Communication Deployment:

- Report posted on KISD website

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Respectfully Submitted,

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CREDIT BY EXAM REPORT
2008-2009 Acceleration and Recovery Testing

Fall 2008	Students Tested	Exams Ordered	Number of Passing Scores (70%)
Secondary	18	34	9

Spring 2009	Students Tested	Exams Ordered	Number of Passing Scores (70%)
Secondary	11	11	3

Summer 2009	Students Tested	Exams Ordered	Number of Passing Scores (Credit Recovery =70%)	Number of Students Accelerating through a Course (Acceleration =90%)	Successful Grade Acceleration
High	49	91	20	2	N/A
Middle	27	86	N/A	12	0

Summer 2009	Students Tested	Exams Ordered**	Number of Passing Scores (Credit Recovery =70%)	Number of Students Accelerating through a Course (Acceleration =90%)	Successful Grade Acceleration
Intermediate	3	6*	N/A	3	N/A
Elementary	15	60	N/A	N/A	1
Kindergarten	18	72	N/A	N/A	0

* Beginning in 6th Grade, 2 exams per subject are required (Part A and Part B) (Ex: Math A and Math B)

**Students must take 4 tests to accelerate: Reading, Math, Science, & Social Studies

Credit by Exam Financials

Proctor Pay	(\$5,607.40)
Total Exam Cost - Acceleration and Recovery Tests (360 Exams x \$15.00)	(\$5,400.00)
Total Paid Out by District	(\$11,007.40)
Credit Recovery Fees Received from High School Students	\$3,620.00
Total Cost to the District	(\$7,387.40)
2008-2009 Budget Allowance for Acceleration and Recovery Testing Exams	\$7,500.00
Within Budgeted Amount	\$112.60