



Request for Credit by Examination without Prior Instruction: World Languages

Students in Keller ISD may pursue acceleration testing for subject-area acceleration based on students' mastery of academic content and/or need for accelerated course content.

Credit by Examination without Prior Instruction (CBE for Acceleration) is administered to a student seeking credit(s) for a course or grade level without receiving any prior instruction in the course(s).

A student may test out of a content-area course with no prior instruction if the following criteria are met in accordance with Board Policy*:

- Grades 6-12: A student must earn **80%** or higher on the LOTE (Languages Other Than English) subject test in which the student is attempting to accelerate.

If a student meets the criteria for a high school credit course, the examination score(s) will be used on the student's transcript and the credit will be awarded. If a student does not meet the criteria on a CBE assessment, credit for the course will not be awarded, and course credit will not be placed on a student's transcript.

Credit by Exam assessments cannot be used to determine eligibility for the NCAA Clearinghouse. A student may not attempt more than two (2) times for a particular subject on the basis of an examination for credit in that subject/course. Students that are successful in a subject acceleration will be moved to the new grade level subject for the following school year. As such, students who are requesting to test in a language in which they are currently enrolled should test during the late spring or summer testing windows.

For LOTE, Keller ISD utilizes credit-by-exam assessment services from Avant Assessments – a Board approved assessment provider. Avant assesses real-world proficiency with assessments that align with the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines, which also align to the LOTE course expectations in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Avant assessments are computer-adaptive, meaning that the difficulty level of each question automatically adapts to each student's level, up or down, as the student progresses through the exam. This allows students to demonstrate their actual proficiency in the language.

The following parent questionnaire must be completed and submitted to the campus counselor when requesting a credit by examination for LOTE. Once the request to test is received by the Keller ISD World Languages Department, you will receive email notification with additional information.

If you have questions, please contact your campus counselor or the Keller ISD World Languages Department at 817-744-1165.

Parent/Guardian Request for Credit by Examination without Prior Instruction

Student Name: _____ Campus: _____ Grade Level: _____ Student ID: _____

Examination Requested

Please check the box for the exam you are requesting be administered to your student.

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| • Amharic | • Hmong | • Samoan |
| • Arabic | • Ilocano | • Somali Maay Maay |
| • Armenian | • Italian | • Somali Maxaa |
| • Chin (Hakha) | • Japanese | • Spanish |
| • Chuukese | • Kannada | • Swahili |
| • Czech | • Korean | • Tamil |
| • Filipino (Tagalog) | • Mandarin - Please circle one: | • Telugu |
| • French | Simplified or Traditional | • Turkish |
| • German | • Marathi | • Urdu |
| • Haitian-Creole | • Marshallese | • Vietnamese |
| • Hawaiian ('Ōlelo Hawai'i) | • Polish | • Yup'ik |
| • Hebrew | • Portuguese (Brazilian) | • Zomi |
| • Hindi | • Russian | |

PARENT AGREEMENT – PLEASE READ AND INITIAL EACH LINE BELOW.

- _____ I am requesting my student be approved to take a credit by examination to potentially test out of a LOTE course and earn credit for the tested subject upon demonstration of the appropriate proficiency levels.
- _____ I understand that my student may receive **up to** four credits of LOTE (no Honors/AP credit) based on the proficiency benchmark level reported.
- _____ I understand that if my student does not demonstrate proficiency above level II, my student may still be required to take LOTE courses to fulfill graduation requirements.
- _____ I understand that if my student meets the criteria to earn credit, the exam score will appear on my student's transcript.
- _____ I understand that credit by examination assessments cannot be used to determine eligibility for the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- _____ I have read and understand the information provided by Keller ISD regarding 6th-12th grade Academic Acceleration as detailed on the Keller ISD Advanced Academics website. (kellerisd.net/Page/6508)
- _____ I understand that according to the Texas Education Agency, my student may only be allowed to take this test two times.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Email Address

Parent/Guardian Phone Number