

Sec. 2.7.1. CREDIT BY EXAMINATION:
WITH PRIOR INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6–12

The Principal or designee (or a student's attendance committee, as applicable) shall have authority to offer the student the opportunity to demonstrate mastery in a subject or to earn course credit by examination when the student has had prior instruction in a subject and when:

1. The student is enrolling in **Arrow Academy** from a non-accredited school;
2. The student has failed a subject or course; or
3. The student has earned a passing grade in a subject or course but has failed to earn credit because of excessive absences.

Examinations shall assess the student's mastery of the essential knowledge and skills and shall be administered according to established **Arrow Academy** procedures.

Prior to offering a student an opportunity to demonstrate mastery or earn credit by this method, an appropriate **Arrow Academy** employee shall review the student's records to determine whether the student has had prior instruction in the subject or course.

Sec. 2.7.2. CREDIT BY EXAMINATION: WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION

With Board approval, **Arrow Academy** 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.

Sec. 2.7.2.1. Examinations for Acceleration or Course Credit

If a student in grades 1–12 wishes to accelerate to the next grade level or earn course credit without having received prior instruction in the course or grade level, **Arrow Academy** shall offer opportunities in accordance with state law and State Board of Education/Texas Education Agency rules for the student to take a Board-approved examination for this purpose.

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 **Arrow Academy's** prescribed course sequence, the student must satisfactorily complete the course to receive credit for the course.

Sec. 2.7.2.2. Kindergarten Acceleration

In accordance with State Board of Education/Texas Education Agency rules, the Board shall approve procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee 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 **Arrow Academy** 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.

Sec. 2.7.2.3. Fees

Arrow Academy shall not charge for a Board-approved examination, if successfully completed, for acceleration for each primary school grade level or for credit for secondary school academic subjects. If a parent requests an alternative examination, **Arrow Academy** 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)*.