**Pewitt CISD**

**Examinations for Acceleration or Credit Recovery**

According to Texas State Board of Education rules, school districts must offer Examinations for Acceleration (EA) or credit recovery. Tests for acceleration and/or credit recovery are available to students who wish to test for advancement to the next grade level or receive credit for a high school course for which he or she has/or has not had no prior instruction. Pewitt CISD will offer examinations for acceleration for current kindergarten through twelfth grade students during the weeks of November 9-11, February 8-10, May 16-18, and July 11-13. A student may not attempt more than **two** times to receive credit on the basis of an examination.

In accordance with Texas Education Law and Pewitt CISD policy/regulations, students must meet the following criteria to be eligible to take an exam for acceleration:

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| **GRADES 1 - 5** | **GRADES 6 -12** |
| 1) Comply with the deadlines stated in this letter | 1) Comply with the deadlines stated in this letter |
| 2) Request an *Exam for Acceleration Form* | 2) Request an *Exam for Acceleration Form* |
| 3) Have recommendation from a school district representative that the student be accelerated | 3) Must have successfully completed or be enrolled in the prerequisite course for the requested exam |
| 4) Return *Exam for Acceleration Form* to school by published deadline | 4) Return *Exam for Acceleration Form* to school by published deadline |

To receive credit for acceleration, a student must score **80%** or above on each examination. Upon meeting these test requirements, a student may advance one grade level. A student must score **70%** or above to receive credit for a high school course in which they have had prior instruction. Student without prior instruction must score **80%** or above to receive credit for a high school course for the 2015-2016 school year. Acceleration/Credit exams are very difficult. Please discuss all other possibilities of classroom acceleration with your child’s teacher or counselor before requesting this strenuous testing process.

Requests will be accepted through the following dates:

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| **REQUEST DEADLINE** | **TESTING DATES** |
| October 6, 2015 | November 9 – 11, 2015 |
| January 6, 2016 | February 8 – 10, 2016 |
| April 12, 2016 | May 16-18, 2016 |
| May 24, 2016 | July 11 – 133, 2016 |

No requests will be accepted after the published deadlines for test administrations.

If you have questions concerning the examinations for acceleration and credit, please contact the principal or counselor of the school your student attends.