

## Credit by Examination

### (With Prior Instruction)

Credit by Exam is designed as an option to earn credit for those students who have failed a class for which they have received direct instruction. Students must register with the campus counselor for a credit by examination. No fee shall be charged for any exam provided by the district. A fee will be charged for an exam prepared by an outside entity. (Board Policy EEJA (Local)) To receive credit, students must score a grade of 70 or above. A locally developed exam may only be taken once.

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### (No Prior Instruction)

Students must fulfill all prerequisites to take exams for the acceleration of credit. The Department of Research and Testing develops and/or selects exams for this purpose. Students must register with the campus counselor to take an exam. Local exams may only be taken once, and students must score 90% or higher to receive credit. No fee shall be charged for the administration of a locally designed exam.

## Venture High School

Venture High School is an alternative educational program designed to meet the academic needs of at risk students. Students

must also meet the state and district selection criteria. An application must be completed to be considered for this program. Applications are available at Venture and all high schools.

## Evening School Program

The Evening School Program is part of Venture High School. Students may enroll in 2 courses (.5 credit each) at a time. Classes are held from 5:00 - 7:00 PM and 7:00 - 9:00 PM A registration form obtained from the student's high school counselor listing the courses he/she plans to take is required for enrollment. Tuition is charged and a textbook deposit is required. The Evening School Program offers students the opportunity to make up subjects failed, or to accelerate the accumulation of graduation credits.

## Summer School

The primary purpose of summer school is to offer the student an opportunity to make up subjects failed, or to accelerate the accumulation of credits.

Summer school is a highly intensified program in which one day equates to almost one week of a regular term. The required hours of attendance are mandated by TEA.

Courses and programs offered are based on the demand by students. The list of courses offered can be found on the AISD website beginning in April each year.



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## Dropout Prevention

### Mission Statement

It is the goal of the Arlington Independent School District's Office of Dropout Prevention to work in collaboration with AISD parents, students, district offices, central administration, and Arlington community agencies to diminish and/or remove barriers that hinder students from having a positive educational experience resulting in school completion.

### Alternative Methods of Earning High School Credit

The State Board of Education has proposed different methods by which a student can earn credit. These methods have been endorsed by the local Board of Trustees and are available by contacting the counseling office or the office of dropout prevention.

- Plato
- Correspondence Courses\*
- Credit by Examination\*
- Venture School
- Evening School\*
- Summer School\*
- On-line School\*

\*Denotes that the cost of the program may be assumed by the student.

### Plato

Plato is an on-line computer-based education network that provides a comprehensive course offering for students in grades 7-12. It integrates the power of individualized, computer-based instruction with the flexibility of on-line delivery. The Plato program is designed to provide remediation, course recovery, and credit recovery. Plato meets the standards set by the state of Texas in TEKs.

Courses offered through Plato include:

- English 8, I, II, III, IV
- Math 7 & 8
- Algebra I, II, & Geometry
- Texas History, U.S. History 8<sup>th</sup>, U.S. History 11<sup>th</sup>, World History, World Geography, U.S. Government, & Economics
- IPC, Biology I, Chemistry I, and Chem Comm

\*New courses are being developed on an ongoing basis. Check with the Dropout Prevention Office for the availability of other courses.

Credit recovery is based on mastery and the credits earned count toward the GPA. There are no limits on the number of credits recovered. Plato is a self-paced program.

Each high school has a Plato lab which students can be scheduled to attend during the regular school day. Plato is also offered in the evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Permission to attend the night lab must come from the Dropout Prevention Office.

### Correspondence Courses

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to enroll in correspondence courses. All correspondence classes must be approved in writing by the local school principal or designee prior to enrollment in courses. These courses do not count toward the calculation of class rank. Seniors enrolled in correspondence courses shall complete the course and submit the grade at least 30 days prior to the graduation date.

### TAKS Tutoring

TAKS Tutoring is offered for students that have not passed the exit level exam prior to each administration of the exit exam. Contact the Dropout Prevention Department for specific times and dates.