

SBOE Adopts New Credit-by-Exam Rules

The State Board of Education recently adopted new rules governing credit-by-exams that became effective August 2018. During the rule-making process, a cohort of 12 organizations made public comment and provided public testimony to the SBOE Committee on Instruction. The organizations included: Mexican American School Board Association (MASBA), Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT), Texas Association of Bilingual Educators (TABE), Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS), Texas Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (TALAS) Texas Association of Mid-Sized Schools (TAMS), Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), Texas School Alliance (TSA), Texas Tech University, Texas Urban Council (TUC), and The University of Texas at Austin.

The gist of the group's comments focused on the lack of clarity and consistency in TEA's proposed rules, which put thousands of students at-risk of not having access to CBEs from university and school district providers because the test development guidelines were not reasonable or appropriate. The stakeholder groups *strongly* advocated for rule recommendations that were clear and consistent for ALL CBE providers, and across subsections of rule. These recommendations would have ensured there were no gaps in access to CBEs and treated the development of CBEs appropriately and in a meaningful way.

TEA's response to the written public testimony can be viewed here
[http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/regviewer\\$ext.RegPage?sl=T&app=2&p_dir=N&p_rloc=355580&p_tloc=-1&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_reg=201803407&z_chk=50959&z_contains=^^^74.24](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/regviewer$ext.RegPage?sl=T&app=2&p_dir=N&p_rloc=355580&p_tloc=-1&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_reg=201803407&z_chk=50959&z_contains=^^^74.24)

The SBOE adopted the final version of CBE rules by a unanimous vote.

UT-Austin Certifies Credit-by-Exams for the 2018-2019 School Year

The University of Texas at Austin has posted notice certifying that the exams they have developed meet the rule requirements, effective August 2018, for courses that have end-of-course (EOC) exams and for courses that do not have end-of course exams

https://highschool.utexas.edu/credit_by_exam