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Description –

- Assessments which provide opportunities for students to test out of a course(s) or entire grade
- For courses in which the student has had no previous formal instruction



Description continued

- Students going into grades K-12
- Aligned with Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS)
- Developed and graded by Texas Tech University
- Review materials are available
- Two testing opportunities each year – one week in June another in July



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- Application process – approval by current principal and counselor required
- Communicated via CSISD website and campuses who share information with students and parents
- Offered at no cost to participants – CSISD pays the \$15 per test fee




Kindergarten

Students who are five years old by September 1st may test out of Kindergarten by scoring at least the 90th percentile on all sections of the ITBS (Level 6 Complete Battery – reading, language and math) and rated “acceptable” on the CSISD Informal Observation Instrument for Beginning Grade 1 Students



Elementary Level (Grades 1-5)

At the elementary level, students must score 90% or above in language arts, math, science & social studies to advance to the next grade




Secondary Level (grades 6-12)

- For full year courses students must score at 90% or above for both semesters. Scores are not averaged.
- Most commonly taken CBE is 6th grade mathematics



Performance Data

- 2008 - 72 students tested with approximately 59% scoring 90% or higher
 - 2009 – 122 students tested with approximately 54% scoring 90% or higher
 - 2010 – June results available at this time - 44 students tested with approximately 64% scoring 90% or higher
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Questions/Comments