

Performance Acknowledgment Opportunities

Performance Acknowledgments are given for outstanding performance demonstrated in one of the following areas.

Dual Credit

Students can earn a performance acknowledgment by successfully completing one of the following requirements:

- At least 12 hours of college academic courses, including those taken for dual credit as part of the Texas core curriculum; and advanced technical credit courses, including locally articulated courses, with the equivalent of a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher on a scale of 4.0
- An associate degree while in high school

Bilingualism and Biliteracy

Students can earn a performance acknowledgment by demonstrating proficiency in accordance with local school district grading policy in two or more languages by completing the following requirements:

- 1) English language arts courses with a minimum GPA equivalent to 80 on a scale of 100
- 2) Satisfying one of the following requirements:
 - A minimum of three credits in the same language other than English (LOTE) with a minimum GPA equivalent to 80 on a scale of 100
 - Demonstrated proficiency in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Level IV or higher in LOTE with a minimum GPA equivalent to 80 on a scale of 100
 - At least three credits in foundation subject area courses in LOTE with a minimum GPA equivalent to 80 on a scale of 100
 - A score of 3 or higher on a College Board AP exam for a LOTE
 - A score of 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate exam for higher-level LOTES
 - Achieving at least an Intermediate High or its equivalent on a national assessment of language proficiency in an LOTE

Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate Exams

Students can earn a performance acknowledgment on a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exam by earning one of the following:

- A score of 3 or above on a College Board AP Exam
- A score of 4 or above on an IB exam

PSAT, the ACT Aspire, the SAT, or the ACT

Students can earn a performance acknowledgment through outstanding performance on a college entrance exam by doing one of the following:

- Earning a score on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) that qualifies the student for recognition as a commended scholar or higher by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, as part of the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) of the College Board
- Earning a composite score of 442 on the ACT Aspire™ examination
- Earning a composite score of 29 on the PreACT® examination
- Earning a total score of at least 1350 on the SAT®
- Earning a composite score of 29 on the ACT® (excluding the writing subscore)

Certifications and Licensure

Students can receive a performance acknowledgment by doing one of the following:

- Perform well enough on an examination or series of examinations to obtain a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification
- Perform well enough on an examination to obtain a government-required credential to practice a profession

Each certification or licensure program must meet the following guidelines to qualify as a performance acknowledgment:

- Be age-appropriate for high school students
- Represent a student's substantial course of study and/or end-of-program knowledge and skills
- Include an industry-recognized examination or series of examinations, an industry-validated skill test, or demonstrated proficiency through documented, supervised field experience
- Represent substantial knowledge and multiple skills needed for successful entry into a high-skill occupation

Note: Students can earn multiple performance acknowledgments in the same category. For example, a student could receive two performance acknowledgments by taking an AP Biology Exam and an AP Calculus Exam. All AP courses have been added to the Texas Records Exchange (TReX) system. Counselors and advisers can use TReX to indicate the acknowledgments on a student's transcript by selecting the box for each exam for which the student met the performance acknowledgment criteria.