

3.2.8 Credit for Test Proficiency

Effective 11/1/03, and retroactive to the Spring 2003 CST and Fall 2003 CELDT.

Education Code 51225.3 2b - “The governing board, with the active involvement of parents, administrators, teachers, and pupils, shall adopt alternative means for pupils to complete the prescribed course of study which may include practical demonstration of skills and competencies, supervised work experience or other outside school experience, career technical education classes offered in high schools, courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs, interdisciplinary study, independent study, and credit earned at a postsecondary institution.”

ACCESS students may receive up to 5 credits per year (grades 7-12) in each of the core academic subjects tested on the California Standards Test (CST) if they score “proficient or advanced” (a total of 20 credits/year). For example, if a ninth grade student scored “proficient or advanced” on the Language Arts portion of the CST, they would be eligible to receive 5 credits of English 9. Tests include English-Language Arts (grades 7-11), Math (grades 7-11), History-Social Science (grades 8, 10, 11) and Science (grades 9-ELL students may also receive five credits for scoring “early advanced or advanced” on the CELDT, with the credit being given in the ELD course appropriate for their level [one-time credit only].)

3.2.8.1 Process

- A. Teacher reviews individual student scores on CST and/or CELDT.
- B. If the student scores “proficient or advanced” on the CST or “early advanced or advanced” on the CELDT, the teacher will attach a copy of the student test results to the appropriate course contract for that students’ grade level, and check the box “Demonstration of Skills” in the Evaluation Section. Under “Other”, the teacher will indicate “CST” or “CELDT”, list the test date and sign the contract.
- C. The principal or designee will initial the course contract with the attached student test results.
- D. The teacher will award the student 5 credits with a grade that reflects the percentage correct CST score on the report card in the appropriate course (see below).
 1. 90-100% = A

2. 80-89% = B
3. 65-79% = C

E. Students have the opportunity to earn a maximum of 5 credits for their performance on the CELDT. Students will be awarded a grade of “A” for scoring “advanced” and “B” for scoring “early advanced.”

F. Students have the opportunity to earn 5 credits per year in each of the subjects tested in the CST; these credits can be either first or second semester credit, depending on the student’s transcript need, for a total of 20 credits per year. They can also be used to complete partial credits, as needed. Credits awarded for demonstrated proficiency are not included in the maximum number of credits a student can earn per year (100).