



Process for Challenging a High School Course by Exam

Students who have completed 8th grade and those entering grades 9-12, who are currently enrolled in the FNSBSD, may challenge courses for high school credits. This option is designed to provide students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery through exam. It is not a process for credit recovery or course retakes. Students may not take a challenge exam for a course they have previously taken, and exams may not be taken more than once.

Testing Dates:

Specific testing dates will be scheduled and published at the beginning of each school year, and only select exams will be available. In order not to conflict with instructional time, exams may be administered on a Saturday.

Only core courses and some world languages can be challenged.

Courses are added as vendors are approved by the Department of Teaching & Learning, in meeting Alaska State Standards which are approved through Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED). Students who have completed 8th grade and students in grades 9-12 may take up to two challenge tests each exam date. Contact the Department of Teaching & Learning (452-2000 ext. 11422) to see if a specific course is available.

Exam	Registration Deadline	Exam Date	Start Times	Location
#1	Friday, May 21, 2021	Thursday, June 3, 2021 <i>Depending on state and district guidelines for social distancing and closures, this may be canceled or postponed.</i>	10:00 a.m.	FNSBSD Admin Center Check-in at Teaching & Learning (2nd floor) 520 Fifth Avenue
#2	Friday, July 16, 2021	Friday, July 30, 2021 <i>Depending on state and district guidelines for social distancing and closures, this may be canceled or postponed.</i>	10:00 a.m.	FNSBSD Admin Center Check-in at Teaching & Learning (2nd floor) 520 Fifth Avenue
#3	Friday, October 29, 2021	Saturday, November 13, 2021 <i>Depending on state and district guidelines for social distancing and closures, this may be canceled or postponed.</i>	10:00 a.m.	FNSBSD Admin Center Check-in at Teaching & Learning (2nd floor) 520 Fifth Avenue
#4	Friday, May 20, 2022	Thursday, June 2, 2022 <i>Depending on state and district guidelines for social distancing and closures, this may be canceled or postponed.</i>	10:00 a.m.	FNSBSD Admin Center Check-in at Teaching & Learning (2nd floor) 520 Fifth Avenue

Registration and Fees:

Students must register to allow for adequate proctoring coverage. To register, go to www.k12northstar.org/Page/8824. An \$85.00 fee will be required for each test at the time of registration. **The registration must be completed and the fee paid by the registration deadlines listed red in the above chart.**

Provide payment of the \$85 registration fee for each test (cash, check, or money order) to FNSBSD, Dept. of Teaching & Learning/ Attn: Flora Roddy, 520 Fifth Avenue (2nd floor, Suite D), Fairbanks, AK, 99701. Upon receipt of payment, a confirmation email will be sent.

Fee waivers: Students may be eligible for a fee waiver. If you have questions about an examination fee, please consult your counselor.

Exam Administration:

Exams will be administrated at the FNSBSD Administrative Center, 520 Fifth Avenue, under the Department of Teaching & Learning’s oversight. The special education coordinator, to assure the appropriate accommodations are met, will review a special education student’s request. If accommodations are needed, please indicate this at the time of registration.

Transcripts:

Scores of 80% or higher will earn high school credit. Exam scores of 80% - 89% will be designated a “B” and scores of 90% - 100% will be designated an “A.” Credit will be reported on the student’s transcript as “Credit by Exam.” If the student receives less than 80% on the exam, no record will be made on the transcript.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) does not allow courses completed through credit-by-exam for eligibility purposes.

Credit-by-exam may be used for Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) eligibility.