



Final Exam Exemption Policy

The purpose of the final exam exemption policy is to incentivise students for grades, attendance and behavior.

ELIGIBILITY

Students may earn a specific course exam exemption by meeting the following criteria in that course:

- Semester average of 80 or above with 3 or fewer absences
- Semester average of 90 or above with 4 or fewer absences
- Student must be clear of fines, fees, and/or holds
- Student meets campus specific deadlines related to exemption submission

Students CANNOT exempt any final exam if the following DISCIPLINE occurs:

- A student received an In-School Suspension, Out of School Suspension during the **semester**
- A student received a DAEP or JJAEP placement during the **school year**

Students are eligible for the following number of final exam exemptions:

- 9th graders - 0 fall final exam exemptions & 2 spring final exam exemptions
- 10th graders - 2 fall final exam exemptions & 3 spring final exam exemptions
- 11th graders - 3 fall final exam exemptions & 4 spring final exam exemptions
- 12th graders - 4 fall final exam exemptions & ALL spring final exam exemptions
- Students with 3 or more exemptions may only exempt up to 2 core content courses
- Semester courses CANNOT be exempt (except for seniors during the spring semester)
- Students CANNOT exempt the same course for both the fall and spring exams
- Students CANNOT exempt the fall final exam in an EOC tested course

Absences that DO NOT count against exemptions	Absences that DO count against exemptions
School sponsored trip/activity (including UIL)	Parent Note OR Truancy (Unexcused Absence)
Class absence initiated by school personnel	
College Visits (2 per year for 11th and 12th graders) with official note from college campus	
DPS license appointment, Court, Funeral, Religious Holiday, Workplace visit (up to 2 days)	
Partial Day Medical - doctor's visit during part of the day, in class the rest of the day	
Entire Day Medical - doctor's note for illness	

Final exam exemption clarifiers:

- Students must be present in class on the day of the final for the exemption.
- Students may NOT exempt dual credit (DC) final exams.
- If a student registers and sits for an AP exam, they are exempt from the spring semester final exam. The final exam exemption in which the student successfully takes the AP exam does not count toward the maximum number of exemptions for that student's grade level.
- An extenuating circumstances committee for absences will be convened at the campus level.