

## FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, PAGE 1 OF 2

1. How many exemptions do I get in the Spring?  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade – 3  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade – 7
  
2. How many absences am I allowed before I lose an exemption?  
You are allowed 3 absences per class. The final exam date does not count as an absence towards your exemptions. It does, however, count as an absence.
  
3. What does my semester average grade have to be in order to use an exemption?  
You must have at least an 80 average for the semester.
  
4. If I get DMC or suspension, do I lost my exemptions?  
If you are suspended or go to ALC/SAC/JJAEP, you lose all of your exemptions for that semester. DMC does not count against your exemptions.
  
5. What if I receive a “U” (Unsatisfactory) for conduct?  
You will lose all exemptions as long as the teacher who assigned the “U” referred you to the Assistant Principal’s office for misconduct. If you have been found guilty of cheating or plagiarism, you may receive a “U” for conduct.
  
6. What absences count against my exemptions?  
All absences count against your exemptions, EXCEPT for college/military visits and school-sponsored field trips. You are allowed 2 college visits your junior year and 2 your senior year. Make sure to get the proper paperwork from the Attendance Office before you go on a college visit.
  
7. May I exempt if I owe fines or fees?  
No student shall be exempt while owing fines, fees, or costs of textbooks.
  
8. Where do I go on the day of the final exam that I am exempting?  
If you are exempting, you do not have to be on campus during the final exam. However, you should check out of school as you would on a normal school day with permission from a parent or guardian. If you are on campus, you will go to the Commons and wait until the final is over.
  
9. If I exempt the final can I still take it to improve my grade?  
Yes. However, seniors must declare the exemption for the final by Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> must declare the exemption for the final by Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may not take the final and then decide to exempt.

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10. When will exemption cards be handed out, and when are they due?  
Senior exemption cards will be handed out during lunches Thursday and Friday, 5/16 & 5/17. The exemption cards need to be turned in to the AP office by 7:20am on Wednesday, 5/22. Exemption cards for 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders will be distributed Monday through Thursday, 5/20 – 5/23. They will need to be turned in to the AP Office by noon on Friday, 5/24.
11. What do I do if I have early release and usually work during the time of my afternoon finals?  
You may want to go ahead and contact your employer and tell him or her that you have school that week and are obligated to attend school based on Texas school attendance law. Your employer will need to schedule someone else. That is their issue, not yours.
12. What if I lose my exemption card?  
You may get another exemption card from the AP office for \$2.00.
13. May I leave the classroom and/or school once I've completed a final exam?  
You may not leave until the scheduled time has been fulfilled. The Attendance Office will not retrieve a student during that time. Please be mindful of this when scheduling doctor appointments. If a student walks out of a final exam prior to the end of the period, he or she will receive consequences for skipping.
14. Will there be late buses during the week of finals?  
There will be NO late buses during the week of finals. The last day for late buses will be Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
15. Are there any half-days during the week of finals?  
Yes, there are half-days during the week of finals on Tuesday, 5/28, through Thursday, 5/30. Classes end at 11:30 AM on those days. Buses will not leave until 1:00 PM. Students will have to wait in the commons under supervision.
16. What percentage of my grade comes from the final exam?  
The final exam is worth 1/7 of your semester average.
17. Will breakfast and lunch be served during the week of finals?  
Breakfast will be served. However, lunch will not be served Tuesday through Thursday.
18. If I'm taking a block class and have four or more absences in one of the two classes and three or less in the other class, can I still exempt?  
No, you must have three or less in both halves of the block class.