



Final Exam Exemption Policy

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

Students may NOT exempt any final exam if the following occurs:

- A student received an In-School Suspension, Out of School Suspension and/or DAEP placement as a consequence.

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

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

Please note the following absence codes.

Absences that DO NOT count against exemptions	Absences that DO count against exemptions
School sponsored trip/activity	Truancy
Class absence initiated by school personnel	Parent Note
College Visits (2 per year for 11th and 12th graders) with official note from college campus	
DPS license appointment, Court, Funeral, Religious Holiday	
Partial Day Medical	

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

Final exam exemption clarifiers:

- Students with 3 or more exemptions may exempt up to 2 core content courses
- Students may not exempt the fall final exam of an EOC tested course (Alg I, Biology, Eng I, Eng II, US History)
- Students may not exempt dual credit final exams
- With the exception of seniors during the spring semester, semester courses cannot be exempt.
- 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.
- With the exception of seniors, students may not exempt the same course for both the fall and spring exams
- An extenuating circumstances committee for absences will be convened at the campus level