

Semester (Final) Exam Exemption Criteria

Semester Exam exemptions will be allowed under the following conditions:

1. Exemptions are allowed only at the end of the second semester.
2. Only juniors and seniors are eligible. (Sophomores are eligible for a special exemption.)
3. See information under TAKS exemptions for sophomores.)
In order to be eligible for exemptions a student must meet minimum standards in three areas:
 - a. Academic performance
 - b. Attendance
 - c. Citizenship

Academic and Attendance Requirements:

1. Students must have a non weighted second semester grade average of 80% or higher.
2. Must have no more than six absences, with no more than three absences during the spring semester in the class (note: semester length courses stand alone)

Citizenship:

1. Any Saturday School Assignment, suspension (ISS or OSS), DAEP placement, or expulsion will make that student ineligible for exemptions in all classes. See handbook addendum for any tardy hall qualifications.
2. Students will not be eligible for exemption from second semester final exams if they owe fines of any kind to the school or if they have not paid for a damaged or lost textbook.

Please note: Four (4) tardies in a class during a semester will count as one (1) absence when applying exemption criteria. All absences, unexcused and excused, including approved college days, count toward exemption determination.

TAKS Exemption for Sophomores

Sophomore Final Exam Exemption Guidelines

Sophomores may be exempt from a final exam in a core class if they meet all of the following criteria:

- Meet expectation (pass) TAKS in that core area.
- Must have at least a 70 average in the core class (second semester)
- Must have no more than six absences, with no more than three absences during the spring semester in the core class
- Must meet the citizenship requirement as it applies to Junior and Senior exemptions.
- Students will not be eligible for exemption in any course if they have not cleared all fines or have not paid for a damaged or lost textbook.

In addition, sophomores who earn Commended Performance on all four core areas of the TAKS *and meet the other criteria listed above* may be exempt from all final exams including elective classes.