

Final Exam Exemption for 2018-2019

The purpose of Exam Exemption is to promote student academic achievement, growth, and College and Career Readiness. Students taking pre-AP, AP, or Dual Enrollment classes are required to take exams. Students with a failing grade in Reading, Math, English, Science or Social Studies are required to take the exam, as well as students with five (5) absences first semester, or (5) absences second semester (both excused and unexcused as defined by the chronic absence standard for A-F Report Card) for the school-year.

Note: The principal signed Memorandum of Agreements on AP and DE courses shall be used in acknowledging the administration and weighting of such exams.

- Exams shall be weighted 20% of the semester grade.
- The local school principal will distribute to students an exemption form and a date deadline for the student to complete and submit prior to the administration dates of the semester exams.
- Exams are to be administered during the courses normal classroom scheduled time (traditional or modified). Teachers are encouraged to coordinate with their principal administration times in order to avoid compounding testing.
- Last week of first and second semester will be traditional school days, except for the last day in which students are dismissed at noon per the current approved calendar.
- Exemptions are applied per student application. Students are responsible for completing an exemption form and submitting to their principal or designee.
- Exemptions are rewards for student improvement on standardized test and is granted based solely upon performance and/or improvement of standardized test scores.
- Exemptions are available through the following options:

OPTION 1: Exemption qualifications using the pre-ACT, ACT or ACT WorkKeys.

- If a student earns the following ACT Composite Score:
 - A score of 21 = 1 exemption
 - A score of 23 = 2 exemptions
 - A score of 25 = 3 exemptions
 - A score of 27 or above = 4 exemptions

OR

- If a student increases their Highest ACT Composite Score:
 - 1 point increase = 1 exemption
 - 2 point increase = 2 exemptions
 - 3 point increase = 3 exemptions
 - 4 point increase = 4 exemptions

OR

- If a student scores Silver or higher on the ACT WorkKeys (ALSDE allows students to retake ACT WorkKeys if they score below Silver.)
 - A score of Silver = 2 exemptions
 - A score of Gold = 3 exemptions
 - A score of Platinum = 4 exemptions

OPTION 2: Exemption qualifications using an increased Scantron Scale Score from Fall to Winter or Winter to Spring. Each semester, students will take Scantron Performance Series for Reading and Math for Exam Exemption purposes. [Reading will apply to Reading, English, Science and Social Studies, Math will apply to Math].

There are 2 ways to earn this exemption:

- Student increases Scantron Scale Score, equivalent to half your Yearly Target (Scantron calculates this 50% score for the teacher on the Fall to Winter Report) OR meet your 100% Yearly Target (Fall to Spring), the student exempts the subject area exam for the respective semester.
- Student scores in Quartile 3 or Quartile 4

NOTE: Final determination of qualifying for exemption is at the discretion of the principal.