

# FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY

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Exam exemption is an available option by division policy 6-6.2 as a positive incentive and reward for those students whose grades, attendance, and behavior have been exemplary. **Students should verify their exemption status with each of their teachers before deciding not to attend an exam period.** Students may choose to take a final exam even if they qualify for exemption. However, the exam will only count for these students if it raises their final grade. By choosing to be exempt from an exam, students accept their current final grade and will not be able to take the exam at a later date.

**SENIORS** – If you are graduating on June 5, 2010 you qualify for exemption from Spring Semester 2010/Final Exams only if **BOTH** of the following criteria are met:

- You must have an “A” or “B” average as your final grade for the course. This final grade is to be calculated **using all grades taken through Friday, May 21, 2010.**
- You must have no OSS and less than 4 cumulative days of ISS on your discipline record for the 2009-10 school year. Your teachers will be notified by Thursday, May if you are not eligible for exam exemption based on your discipline record.

**UNDERCLASSMEN** – If you are a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior you qualify for exemption from Spring Semester 2010/Final Exams only if **ALL THREE** of the following criteria are met:

- You must have an “A” or “B” average as your final grade for the course. This final grade is to be calculated **using all grades taken through Friday, June 4, 2010.**
- You must have no more than six (6) total absences in the class for the 2009-10 school year. Remember that any combination of three (3) check-ins and/or check-outs is equal to one (1) absence towards the maximum number allowed. However, fractional absences are not to be used in determining exemption status (*i.e.* a student with 6 absences and 2 check-ins/outs is still exempt). Remember that each class period attendance is considered separately. **This attendance requirement for exam exemption will be in effect through Thursday, June 3, 2010.**
- You must have no OSS and less than 4 cumulative days of ISS on your discipline record for the 2009-10 school year. Your teachers will be notified by Monday, June if you are not eligible for exam exemption based on your discipline record.

**EXAM EXEMPTION ONLY APPLIES TO COURSES  
THAT DO NOT HAVE SOL END-OF-COURSE TESTS.**

**Students enrolled courses that require a SOL End-Of-Course Test  
are eligible to receive a FINAL EXAM WAIVER  
regardless of Exam Exemption criteria.**

*Failure to take an exam for which you are not exempt will result in your exam grade being recorded and calculated in your final grade as a zero.*

# FINAL EXAM WAIVER POLICY

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Division policy 6-6.2 allows any student enrolled in a math, science, English, or social studies class, which requires a SOL (Standards of Learning) end-of-course test administration to receive a **FINAL EXAM WAIVER**. The specific courses eligible for final exam waivers are:

Earth Science	World/History Geography I	Algebra I	English 11
Biology I	World History Geography II	Geometry	
Chemistry	U.S. History	Algebra II	

**Students in grades 9-12 must meet BOTH of the following criteria to receive a Final Exam Waiver in a course:**

1. **Maintain a passing grade in the course** preceding the SOL end-of-course test examination.

*If a student is not passing the course, he/she **MUST** take the Final Exam. Failure to take the exam will result in the exam grade being recorded and calculated in the final grade as a zero.*

2. **Complete the appropriate SOL end-of-course test** examination.

Students may choose to take a final exam even if they qualify for the waiver. However, the exam will only count for these students if it raises their final grade. By choosing to accept a waiver from an exam, students accept their current final grade and will not be able to take the exam at a later date.

**IF A STUDENT DOES NOT TAKE THE EOC TEST,  
HE/SHE WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE COURSE**