



SENIOR FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY



Spring 2020

Criteria for Senior final exam exemptions are listed below. However, students may elect to take their finals to improve a course grade even if the exemption criteria are met. **Exemptions will be determined for each class separately.** A student may obtain an exemption by meeting these requirements:

- ❖ Class average must be an 80 or above when averaging the third and fourth nine weeks' grades.
- ❖ A maximum of four absences are allowed per class. Each tardy counts as 1/3 of an absence. Any combination of absences and tardies that exceeds 4 absences disqualifies the exemption. Examples:
 - four absences (4) and one tardy (1/3) = 4 1/3 total absences (NOT exempt)
 - three absences (3) and three tardies (1) = 4 total absences (exempt)
 - two absences (2) and five tardies (1 2/3) = 3 2/3 total absences (exempt)
 - three absences (3) and four tardies (1 1/3) = 4 1/3 total absences (NOT exempt)
- ❖ If a student is fifteen minutes late to a class, the student is marked absent.
- ❖ Excused absences do count against the exemption, regardless of the reason. There are no exceptions to this rule. Though illnesses, deaths in the family, emergency situations, etc. are counted as excused absences for attendance purposes, these absences do count against exemptions. The only absences that may not count against exemptions are:
 - absences due to school-approved activities
 - religious holidays
 - official college visitation days IF proper procedures are followed as outlined in the student handbook.
- ❖ Any conduct grade of "U" will eliminate the exemption for that class, while any truancy or any disciplinary action that results in suspension (including in-school suspension or DAEP) will automatically disqualify a student from all exemptions.
- ❖ **A truancy in any class will eliminate the exemption for ALL classes.**
- ❖ A student will be disqualified from exemptions if ALL detentions are not served by Saturday, May 16, 2020.
- ❖ All fines and fees (including Chromebook and textbooks) must be cleared before Friday, May 15, 2020.