


Secondary Semester Exam Exemption Guidelines

The following information was pulled directly from the Parent/Guardian MISD Grading Guideline Handbook for 2022-2023.

The entire document can be found here:

 [Parent_Guardian MISD Grading Guideline Handbook 22-23.pdf](#)

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All students will have the opportunity to earn exemption(s) for a fall or spring Semester Exams following the criteria described below. This criteria applies to high school courses taken in middle school. Semester final exams do not fall under the redemption policy. Exemptions are based on the student's official attendance record maintained by the attendance office.

Purpose: To incentivize consistent attendance and academic performance throughout the school year.

GENERAL ATTENDANCE & GRADE CRITERIA (Per Class, Per Semester)

Course Grade Average	Absences	Tardies
80 or above	3 or fewer	6 or fewer

- Eligible Courses:
 - Middle School Grade 8 All Classes (Spring semester only)
 - Middle School Algebra 1 (Fall and spring semester)
 - Middle School Spanish 1 (Fall and spring semester)
 - Middle School CTE courses that count as HS credit (Fall and spring semester)
 - High School Courses Grades 9-12 (Fall and spring semester)
- Students must meet the grade **and** absence requirements to be eligible for the exemption in a class.
- Grades are cut off on W1+W2 +Progress 3 to determine exemption status.
- Students who have earned an exemption may choose to take the semester exam to improve their semester grade.
- Semester grades will be the average of the three 6 weeks for that semester of exempt students
- Absence on day of exam counts towards exemption
- Students in Dual Credit courses will follow the higher education institution assessment/exam guidelines.

NEW EOC Courses and AP Courses

- STAAR EOC Courses: For courses with an EOC test, students who have a passing average for the class will be exempt from the spring semester exam.
- AP Courses: Students who take the AP test will be exempt from AP spring semester exams with proof of registration for the corresponding AP exam. (This includes AP courses taken during semester 1).

Attendance Codes Table for Clarification: The following table provides clarity regarding student attendance codes that impact exam exemptions in any manner.

Codes that DO NOT count against exemption	Codes that count against exemption
F - School related field trips	M - Medical
X - Extra curricular	U - Unexcused
COL - College Visit (2 per Board policy)	E - Excused
PRO - Present - Not in Class	XPN - Exceeded Parent Notes
TST - Required Assessment	OSS - Out of school suspension
CRT - Legal/court proceedings	CHS/ISS - Choices or In-school suspension
CTZ - USA Citizenship Oath	
D - Doctor (present part of the day)	AEP - School related DAEP Incidents
VOT - Election Clerk	
RHD - Religious Holy Day	
State Mandatory Excused Absences (i.e., civic duty)	

DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST EXEMPTION	COUNTS AGAINST EXEMPTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School related absences (up to policy allowance)• Partial day absence with doctor's note• College Visits (up to 2 per year)• Any other excused absence according to the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any absence not considered excused in the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook• Any absences above those allowed by policy