

## BHS Exemption Policy 2023-2024

### Exemptions

To establish an incentive yet maintain student academic preparation for future educational experiences, Brownwood High School offers an exemption plan designed to stimulate students to put forth their very best academic efforts.

***First Semester – all students (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) will take their Math and English Exam***

***Second Semester – all students (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) will take their Science and History Exam***

### Who May Be Exempt

Students in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade may be exempt if they meet the following attendance and grade criteria:

- “A” Semester Average – Three or fewer absences in an individual class
- “B” Semester Average – Two or fewer absences in an individual class
- “C” Semester Average – One or fewer absences in an individual class

**For Fall 2023 exemptions, BHS will look at attendance from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 weeks.**

**For Spring 2024, BHS will look at attendance from the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks.**

Discipline criteria:

- DAEP Placement – lose exemptions in all courses for Semester receiving DAEP
- Suspension – lose exemptions in all courses for the Semester receiving OSS
- ISS Placement – lose exemptions in all courses for the Semester receiving ISS
- All student fines must be cleared. Please send student fines to Ms. Rodriguez.

### Absences Toward Exemptions

- All absences (including medical) are counted toward exam exemptions, except for school-related activities.
- Ms. Smith must approve College Visits prior to being gone. College visits approved by Ms. Smith will not count against exemption status.
- **Absences are based on individual class periods (i.e., each class period stands alone)**

In addition, homebound students are ineligible for exemptions due to the nature of the homebound instructional program.

**\*\*All Fines MUST be cleared to be exempt.\*\***

The principal may declare a student ineligible for exemption in all subjects for flagrant violation of school policies, such as truancy or improper conduct in and around school or school activities.

### State Assessments

**THERE ARE NO EXEMPTIONS FROM STATE-MANDATED EOC EXAMS.**