

# Obion Central Exam Exemption Policy

Exams are given at the middle and end of each semester and count a percentage of a student's final grade. Exams will not be given early unless approved by the principal.

## **Final Exams: Exemption Policy for Grades 9-12**

Eligibility Criteria for Exemptions: The student will receive an exam exemption if she/he meets the following criteria:

1. Student must not have more than 3 tardies per semester to school.
2. Student must have an attendance percentage of 97% or higher. (3 absences)
3. Student must have a grade of 85% or higher in the course.
4. Student must have no ISS/OSS Discipline reports. (No Suspensions)

Averages reflect the overall semester average (S1/S2). Absences are counted up to the Friday prior to the week the exam is administered. Tardies to school and early check-outs from school will count as a tardy event. Early check-out is defined as any check-out prior to 2:55. School-related absences (fieldtrips, 4-H, college visit, athletic events, military events) **do not** count for the purposes of this policy.

Absences are on a class-by-class basis, not just whole day absence. An exemption from a final exam is not granted if during the semester the student is sent to ISS, the Alternative Learning Center or receives a suspension. Exemptions are for end-of-semester teacher exams. Students must fill out an exemption form located in the guidance department and let the teacher know that she/he wants to be exempt from their exam prior to taking the exam.

## **Special Circumstances**

- ❖ Students who register after the fifth day of a semester are not eligible for exams exemptions.
- ❖ Students enrolled in a course that has a TNReady End of Course Exam must take the EOC.
- ❖ Any student who qualifies for an exemption has the option to take the exam. By choosing to take the exam, the exam score will count in the final semester average for the student.
- ❖ A student enrolled in dual-enrollment will be required to take the final exam per policy of the credit-issuing school.
- ❖ Students will be excused from school on the day and/or period of the exam for the course in which they are exempt depending on their exemptions.
- ❖ In the event students are not exempt from all their exams for a specific day:
  - If a student is exempt from their first exam of the day, the student is not required to come to school until the next exam for that day.
  - In the event a student is not exempt from their first exam but exempt from the remaining exam(s) of that day, the student can leave school after the first exam.