



Unified Final Exam Exemption Policy

The Bibb County School District recognizes that strong performance in attendance, behavior, and course academics is important to the overall success of each student and our district as a whole. High school students that demonstrate a combination of success in these three areas are eligible to exempt the final exam in each course in which they meet the required criteria.

Criteria:

- **Behavior** (per semester)
 - o It is required that a student has ZERO Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs) for the entire semester.
 - o A single ODR, no matter the referring staff member, will eliminate a student from exemption consideration in all courses.
 - o No exceptions will be made for this expectation.
- **Attendance & Course Performance** (per course)
 - o These two are combined in a manner that allows additional absences when combined with higher grades.
 - o Attendance takes into consideration TOTAL excused and unexcused absences and tardies.
 - Exceptions: Absences for approved field trips, school events, and college visits will not count in these totals.
 - o Both attendance and course performance are considered for each individual course. This means a student may earn exemption in one course, but not another.
 - o To qualify, a student should identify which course grade column is appropriate, and then determine which row of that column aligns with their respective attendance records.
 - o As is evident by the table, no student with a course grade below 80 will be eligible to exempt the exam in that course.

Course Grade 80-89	Course Grade 90+
2 or less absences and 0 tardies	3 or less absences and 0 tardies
1 or less absence and 2 or less tardies	2 or less absences and 2 or less tardies
0 absences and 4 or less tardies	1 or less absences and 4 or less tardies

Restrictions:

- **EOC** – Students are required to take the GaDOE End of Course Milestone for the courses that have an EOC. For these courses, there will be no final exam during the semester that the EOC is taken.
- **Performance-based Exams** – Any course that has a required performance-based exam, as expressed in the course syllabus must be taken by the student. Exemption will not be considered in such courses.