

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(REGULATION)

OPTIONAL COURSE
EXEMPTION

Juniors and seniors shall have the option to exclude grades earned in up to two elective courses from their GPA and class rank calculation, as provided in Board Policy EIC (Local) and administrative regulations.

Eligible Students

Students may use the GPA exemption for courses taken in their junior and senior years. The exemption is available for students who entered the ninth grade in the fall of 2024 or after.

Eligible Courses

A student may use the GPA exemption in a core subject (English, math, science, social studies, economics, and languages other than English) when the course is not being used to fulfill a graduation requirement.

An exempt course cannot count as a course required for graduation. However, concurrent enrollment in an exempt course and another graduation requirement is permitted. For example, a student could exempt Creative Writing (an English credit) while concurrently taking English IV (a graduation requirement).

Exemptions may be applied to courses offered in the fall semester or spring semester. Exemptions are not available for courses offered during the summer, accelerated courses, or mini-mesters.

Full-year courses will be exempt for the full school year (fall and spring semesters).

A student may exempt up to two courses, regardless of the number of credits available for the two courses. For example, a student may exempt up to two 1.0 credit courses, two 0.5 credit courses, or one 1.0 credit course plus one 0.5 credit course.

Dual Credit Courses

When a student exempts a dual credit course, the GPA exemption applies to the student's high school transcript only. The exemption does not apply to a student's college transcript or college GPA.

Prerequisites

A student must meet all prerequisites to take an exempt course.

Maximum
Exemptions

A student may exempt up to two (2) courses total during their junior and senior years combined.

UIL Eligibility

A student may lose eligibility to participate in UIL and extracurricular activities when the student's grades in an exempt course do not meet passing criteria set by UIL, the District, and relevant authorities.

Attendance
Requirements

Students may be denied credit for exempt courses if their attendance does not meet minimum requirements set by state law, the Texas Education Agency, or the District.

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Application for
Exemption

If a student seeks to exempt a course from GPA calculation, the student must submit a completed application, signed by the student and parent, to the counselor during the application window. For full-year and fall semester courses, the application window opens on August 1 and closes at 4:00 p.m. on the second school day after the first three-week progress report of the school year. For courses that only meet in the spring semester, the application window opens on January 1 and closes at 4:00 p.m. on the second school day after the first three-week progress report of the school year. The counselor will review the application and notify the student if the exemption may be applied to the course.

Exemption Approval
Is Final

After a student's application to exempt a course is approved, the student cannot remove the exemption and apply the grade to the student's GPA. If a student drops an exempt course, the exemption is lost and cannot be applied to another course.