

# AHS Final Exam and Gradable Experience Exemption Policy for Spring 2026

Student exam exemptions are intended as an incentive.

Students may exempt a final exam or gradable experience in any face-to-face class in which they meet all the following criteria:

1. An unweighted average of **90 or higher as of Tuesday, 5/12/2026** and maintained through the end of the semester
2. No ISS or OSS during the current semester
3. No major honor code violations during the school year in the class

## NOTES:

- Exemption is by period/class. It is possible to meet the requirements in one class, but not another class.
- **NO EXAMS/GRADABLE EXPERIENCES MAY BE TAKEN EARLY.**
- Students may not exempt a final exam in a Dual Enrollment or Virtual class.
- **Students must take the End of Course test if one is required for the class (Algebra C&C, Biology, Lit/Comp II, US History).**
- A student that newly enrolls after 30 school days OR transfers in after 30 school days without a transfer grade is not eligible to exempt a final exam or gradable experience.
- Students with late work assignments still eligible for submission must be turned in by **Friday, 5/8/2026** or they may not be eligible to exempt the final exam or gradable experience.
- Possible exemption does not excuse a student from regular class periods after **5/12/2026**. An exemption only allows a student to miss the exam period for the exempted class. If a student is found to be missing class after **5/12/2026** exemption may be reconsidered by the student's administrator.
- Final exams will go into the major category and are not recoverable. Final exams must be cumulative and cover standards within all units within the semester. Teachers/PLCs who choose not to administer a final exam must provide a gradable experience during the final exam period. The gradable experience will go into the minor category.

## FAQ:

- What is the last day for seniors?
  - Friday, May 8, 2026
- What are senior cutoff dates for the 90 or higher unweighted average and late work submissions since their last day is earlier?
  - Tuesday, 4/28/2026
- What are attendance requirements for seniors during exam days?
  - **All seniors must attend every class until they either take the exam/GE for that class or are officially exempt.**  
*For example: If a senior is exempt from 1st and 8th period exams, they must still attend classes and exams for 2nd through 7th periods until those exams are completed, following the final exam schedule.*
- Which courses have a final exam or gradable experience?
  - Teachers will agree as a PLC (Professional Learning Community) and inform their students. The list of exams for each course will be posted to the AHS website in April.
- If a student has exempted a final/gradable experience, can they still take it to try and earn a higher grade in the course?
  - Yes. However, students who choose to take the final exam or gradable experience must accept the grade they earn, regardless of whether it increases or decreases their overall grade.
- What if a student is not eligible to exempt and does not take the final exam or gradable experience during the final exam period?
  - The student will receive a zero. See the final exam bell schedule for the makeup policy & procedure.
- I/my child has exempted some but not all the exams in a single day. Where should they go for the classes they have exempted?
  - The student will go to the exempted class and work on something quietly while other students take their final exam or gradable experience. If the exempted class is off campus, they may go to the media center.