2025-2026 Katy ISD Semester Exam Exemption Requirements

Semester exam exemptions will be offered during Fall & Spring Semesters for the 2025 – 2026 school year. Below are the required semester exemption requirements.

In KISD, Semester Exam Exemptions are offered as attendance and behavior incentives for students. ***Exemptions are determined by course***.

To qualify for an exam exemption in a course, a student must have met the following criteria **per semester, per course**:

1. An average of 80 or higher for the semester.
2. No more than **FIVE (5)** non-school related absences (see note below).
3. No more than **FIVE (5)** tardies.
4. No N in conduct for the course and no U in conduct for *any* class.
5. No ISS, OSS, OAC/DAEP Placement, or JJAEP Placement.
6. No outstanding fees or fines.
7. Must have been enrolled in the course by the 10th day of instruction; and
8. Meet campus specific requirements related to exemption submission deadlines and verification procedures for securing their exemptions.

The number of available **exemptions per grade level** is as follows:

Grade Level	Available Exemptions (Fall)	Available Exemptions (Spring)
9th	1	1
10th	2	2
11th	3	3
12th	7	7

Please note: The following absence codes do NOT count toward the five (5) allowable excused & unexcused absences:

- P: Present but not in class
- S: School-sponsored curricular and extra-curricular activity that is not UIL related
- V: UIL and other competitive activity

Final Exam Exemption Clarifications:

- Except for seniors, students may not exempt the same course final for both the fall and spring semesters.
- Advanced Placement (AP) Exams:
    - Students enrolled in an AP course who successfully sit for the AP exam for that course may elect to exempt the final exam in the Spring semester. However, students must meet the discipline and attendance criteria above and be passing the course to be eligible for the exemption.
    - The final exam exemption for an AP exam does not count toward the maximum number of exemptions for that student's grade level.
- Industry Based Certification Exams
    - Industry Based Certifications (IBC) do not qualify as a course final exam exemption. Students enrolled in courses with an IBC are encouraged to register and successfully pass the IBC and must meet all final exam exemption requirements to exempt the course final exam.
- HCC Dual Credit & College Prep courses CANNOT be exempted.
- Tuition-based virtual courses, taken outside of the instructional day, may not be exempted.

IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION (Class of 2026):

Campuses will communicate their specific senior final exam schedule and senior activities that begin on Monday, May 12th. Campuses will host a Class of 2026 graduation ceremony meeting and other senior events daily beginning on Monday, May 12tj. These events are required for Seniors. Campuses will communicate specific schedules of the events.

Students are encouraged to verify semester exam exemption eligibility by continually monitoring their semester average(s), attendance/tardies, conduct grade(s) and behavior consequences via the Home Access Center (HAC).

Attendance Incentive Exemption Request

- For Freshman, Sophomores & Juniors - If you have met all exemption criteria (grades and discipline) and have no more than 3 absences in any class this semester, you qualify for an additional exemption.
- For Seniors - If you have no more than 3 absences in any class this semester and meet discipline criteria, the grade criteria moves to a 70 or higher for the semester for you to be able to exempt the semester exam.

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- If you have met all exemption criteria (grades and discipline) and have no more than 3 absences in any class this semester, you qualify for an additional exemption. For juniors this might include the opportunity to exempt the same course exempted in the fall if you qualify both semesters for the additional exemption.