

AHS Final Exam and Gradable Experience

Exemption Policy for Fall 2026

Student exam exemptions are intended as an incentive.

- Students in high school yearlong courses may exempt spring semester final exams only.
 - Midterms (fall semester final exams in a yearlong course) cannot be exempted for any reason.
- Students in high school semester courses may exempt fall and spring semester final exams.
- Students in high school courses may exempt both fall and spring semester gradable experiences.

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, 12/15/2026
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 who enrolls without a transfer grade with less than 30 instructional days until the end of the semester is not eligible to exempt a final exam or gradable experience.
- Students with late work assignments that are still eligible for submission must be turned in by **Friday, 12/4/2026** or they may not be eligible to exempt the final exam or gradable experience.
- Midterms and final exams will go into the major category and are not recoverable. Teachers/PLCs who choose not to administer a midterm or final exam must provide a gradable experience during the final exam period. The gradable experience will go into the minor category.

FAQ:

- Which courses have a midterm, final exam, or gradable experience?
 - Teachers will agree as a PLC and inform their students.
- What is the difference between a midterm and a final exam?
 - **Midterms** are given in the fall for a yearlong course. A midterm must be cumulative and cover standards within all units within the first semester. A midterm cannot be exempted during the fall semester.
 - **Final Exams** are given at the end of a semester course OR the end of the spring semester for a yearlong course. Final exams must be cumulative and cover standards within all units within the semester.
- May students who want to take the final exam or gradable experience but qualify for exemption do so?
 - Yes. Students who choose to take the final exam or gradable experience that qualify for exemption must accept the grade they earn regardless if it increases or decreases their overall grade.
- Are students in yearlong courses allowed to exempt fall semester gradable experiences?
 - Yes.
- What if a student is not eligible to exempt and does not take the midterm, 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 and procedure.
- If a student is eligible to exempt one final exam or gradable experience, but not the other one that is on the same day, where should the student go for the exempted class period if they take the bus?
 - The student will go to the class they are exempting and work on something quietly while other students take their final exam or gradable experience.