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UPDATED 2026-2027 Final Exam Exemption Criteria **(updates are in red)**

General Exemption Criteria

All students must comply with the following general exemption criteria in the table below:

Grade Level	Fall Semester *Excludes all EOC & AP courses *Excludes Dual Credit courses	Spring Semester *See AP & EOC course exemptions below *Excludes Dual Credit Classes
12 th grade	All	All
11 th grade	All	All
10 th grade	All	All
9 th grade	All	All

1. The number of exemptions is dependent on grade level (as noted in Skyward). See chart above.
2. No assigned ISS, out-of- school suspension, or DAEP during the semester.
3. No more than 3 absences and/or 3 tardies in the semester for which the exemption is earned.
4. Must be clear of all fines and fees.
5. Students must not have Academic Dishonesty for the semester.
6. Students must meet grading requirements listed below.

FALL SEMESTER:

Students may exempt an exam if they meet the following criteria:

1. Students meet the above general exemption criteria.
2. A student's semester grade average is 80 or above.

Students may not exempt an EOC or AP course this semester.

SPRING SEMESTER:

Students may exempt any exam (including EOC & AP courses) if they meet the following criteria:

1. Students meet the above general exemption criteria.
2. A student's semester grade average is 80 or above.

****Students will lose their exam exemption if they are absent on the day of their semester exam(s). All student must be present on campus, even if they are exempt.**



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Other Information Regarding Exemptions and Attendance:

Per the 2026 – 2027 SFHS Grading Guidelines:

1. In addition to the student's attendance the following will also be factors:
 - a. Attendance exceptions may be made for approved college visits, religious holidays, extra-curricular activities, and co-curricular activities. (Refer to Section 3.6.3 TEA Student Attendance Accounting Handbook). *Students with medical or court-ordered documentation, with specific dates for their absences, may have additional absence allotments. In addition, bereavement excuses will be accepted for immediate family members, including parents, grandparents, and siblings. Parent notes do not count as attendance excuses for exemption purposes.
2. Attendance and Exemptions:
 - a. Students will lose their exam exemptions if they obtain an absence after submitting their exam exemption form. This includes being absent on the day of the semester exam(s) in which you have earned an exemption, regardless of if you have less than 3 absences. Students must be present on campus, even if they are exempt.
 - b. Students who fail to maintain their attendance record and lose their exam exemption will have ten business days to make up their semester exam(s). *****Seniors must make up their exams before graduation.**

The Compulsory Attendance Law remains in effect during both Fall and Spring Final Exam weeks. Students who are more than 15 minutes late to class will be marked absent. Students who are marked absent during final exam class periods will:

- **Forfeit their exemption status**, and
- **Be required to take the final exam** as scheduled.

It is the student's responsibility to complete the designated process for choosing their exemptions, as designated by the campus, within the timelines given, or take all exams.