

Final Exam Grade Waiver and Final Exam Exemption Guidelines

Final Exam Grade Waiver

Applies to 9th, 10th, and 11th grade AP and IB

Students enrolled in an AP or IB course for the second semester of the school year may be eligible for a grade waiver from the final exam in that subject for the second semester if the following conditions exist:

- A minimum overall 2nd semester average of 80 (per class) *and* a minimum grade of 80 in the final grading period.
- Student takes the National AP exam for that course in May.
- Student shall attend class 90% of the days class is offered and have no more than nine (9) absences during the second semester (per class).
- Student shall have no more than five (5) tardies in that AP class.
- No major infractions resulting in ISS, Saturday School, Out of School Suspension, or Special Programs Center.
- Student must have no outstanding fines, fees, or debts for school property or other PISD services.
- Student takes the semester exam on the date/time originally scheduled or, in the case of an excused absence, during the determined make-up exam time.

To qualify for the grade waiver, a student must report to class on the day of the exam and take the final exam for the course. If the semester exam grade benefits the student, it will be recorded and counted toward the student's course grade.

If a student has an unexcused absence during the exam, the student forfeits the option to take advantage of the exam grade waiver, and will take the exam for credit.

Final Exam Exemption

Applies to 12th Grade AP and IB courses

Seniors may qualify for exemption from final exams during the second semester of the school year if the following conditions exist:

- A senior in an AP class must meet the criteria noted above to qualify for exemption in that AP/IB class or
- A senior in an AP course who chooses not to take the national exam may also qualify for the final exam exemption if all of the requirements for the Senior Exemption Guidelines are met.

For seniors in all other classes:

- A minimum overall 2nd semester average of 85 (per class) *and* a minimum grade of 85 in the final grading period.

- Student shall attend class 90% of the days class is offered and have no more than nine (9) absences during the second semester (per class).
- Student shall have no more than five (5) tardies in each class.
- No major infractions resulting in ISS, Saturday School, Out of School Suspension, or Special Programs Center.
- Student must have no outstanding fines, fees, or debts for school property or other PISD services.

To qualify for the exam exemption, a student must be present in class for each exam. Various activities will be conducted at this time for students qualified to use exemptions, including the completion of course evaluations, student surveys, and projects.

Exempt students may choose to take the exam. If the semester exam grade benefits the student, it will be recorded and counted toward the student's course grade.

If a student has an unexcused absence during the exam, the student forfeits the option to take advantage of the exam exemption, and will take the exam for credit.

For IB Academy only: In years when the International Baccalaureate organization schedules IB exams for the same week as District semester exams, the IB Academy District Committee can determine an additional exam exemption, when needed. The additional exemption will be limited to students who (a) are required to sit for more than two IB exams in the District exam week, and (b) would be required to extend the school year in order to complete all required exams.