Exam Exemption Guidelines for 2019-2020

Semester exam exemptions will allow all high school students with good attendance, behavior and academic performance to exempt up to three semester exams in any subject for each semester. Semester exam exemption guidelines will apply to all high school students who meet the following criteria:

Course Semester Grade Average	Number of Absences Per Course	Number of Tardies Per Course
95 or above	3 or fewer	3 or fewer
90-94	2 or fewer	2 or fewer
85-89	1 or fewer	1 or fewer
80-84	0	0

No exam exemptions will be allowed if:

- ➤ the course to be exempted is an AP course (<u>no exemption for first semester only</u>); students may exempt these courses in Semester two since AP testing will have occurred;
- > the course is a Dual Credit or OnRamps course; students may not exempt the exam in these courses either semester:
- > the student has received a "U" in conduct for the exempting course during the semester;
- the student has received a "No Credit" in any course for the semester;
- ➤ the student has been suspended off-campus, assigned to ISS II or sent to an off-campus alternative setting in that semester; or
- ➤ the student failed to apply for the exemption through Skyward beginning at 6:00 am on December 10, 2019 through 11:59 pm on December 11, 2019 for semester one. Any student who has not applied by the deadline will no longer be eligible for an exemption.

Please note that semester exam exemptions shall be <u>revoked</u> if a student fails to meet any of the criteria after the exemption form has been turned in and approved by an administrator.

With improved student attendance, we anticipate improved student achievement. The rationale for not exempting AP exams for the first semester is to better prepare those students for the AP exams given in May. The "No Credit" and disciplinary requirements are to prevent students from targeting certain courses for good attendance and ignoring others. The criteria requires students to take some semester exams while still offering exemptions at all grade levels as incentives.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Principal, Melisa Jobson.

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