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No. Each year's exemption stands alone.

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2. Have the application signed by the parent and teacher.
3. Return the application to the counselor **no later than the end of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) week of each semester**. At this time, if all criteria are met, it will be approved and a course change will be made to reflect enrollment in a GPA Exempt course.
4. Once the student makes the decision to take a course as GPA-exempt, the decision is final and cannot be changed.
5. Students enrolled in full-year courses do not need to reapply during the second semester.
6. Students, including move-in students, who miss the deadline for application for the first semester, may apply for exemption for the second semester if they meet the criteria.

**Does a student have to maintain enrollment in a single athletic sport to be eligible for an exemption?**

No. Any athletic enrollment can qualify.

**Can a student take Art or Dance courses as GPA Exempt courses?**

Dance Team and Dance Colorguard are the only GPA exempt courses offered. No Art courses are GPA exempt.

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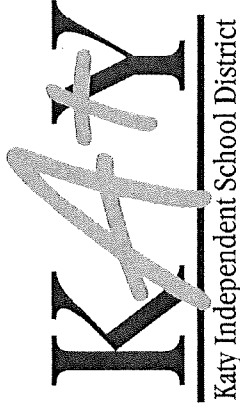
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# GPA EXEMPT COURSES

2018 - 2019

## INFORMATION REGARDING GPA EXEMPT COURSES

Students are encouraged to pursue their areas of special talents and interest to enrich their academic experience. Courses may be taken on a GPA-exempt basis as established by Board Local Policy EIC and identified in this brochure. The following courses have been identified as GPA-exempt eligible for this school year:

- ❖ Career Technology Education Courses (With prerequisite and FFA participation in LDE, CDE, or livestock show):

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| 8085V       | 8148V       |
| 8086V/8097V | 8520        |
| 8092V       | 8521        |
| 8120        | 8524        |
| 8122        | 8525        |
| 8125        | 8609        |
| 8127        | 8611        |
| 8130        | 8751V/8752V |
| 8141        | 8782        |
| 8143V       | 8784        |
| 8144        | 8786        |
| 8145        |             |

- ❖ Athletics (Continuous enrollment for 2-3 years in any designated athletic course regardless of sport; **does not include PE**)

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| ❖ Band                |
| ❖ Cheerleading        |
| ❖ Choir               |
| ❖ Dance Colorguard    |
| ❖ Dance Team          |
| ❖ Debate              |
| ❖ Journalism          |
| ❖ Oral Interpretation |
| ❖ Orchestra           |
| ❖ ROTC                |
| ❖ Theatre             |
| Technical Theatre     |
| Theatre Arts          |
| Theatre Production    |

\* Consult the Course Catalog for prerequisites and course descriptions.

## How are grades handled in a GPA Exempt course?

Students who are eligible and choose to take one of these courses for a GPA Exempt grade:

- Will receive a numerical grade all year on the report card.
- Will receive the actual numeric grade with a comment or label indicating "GPA exempt" on the Academic Achievement Record (transcript).
- Will receive credit for these courses, but also have these courses excluded from the computation of GPA and class rank.
- Exemptions are granted on a semester basis.

## What are the performance standards for these courses?

- The numerical grade earned will be reported on the report card.
- Students must take tests and final exam for the course unless exempt from finals.
- Students must complete the extra/co-curricular components of the course.

## How will grades in a GPA Exempt course affect eligibility for extra-curricular activities?

The numerical grades earned in a GPA Exempt course will be used to determine eligibility for participation in all UIL or school-sponsored activities. In addition, numerical grades will also be used to determine honor roll each six-weeks; for qualifying criteria used in selection of students for various positions such as dance team officers, class officers, exam exemptions, etc.; for eligibility for academic awards, including admission to organizations such as National Honor Society; etc.

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