



# NEISD Semester Exam Exemption Guidelines 2020 – 2021

Semester exam exemptions in previous years would allow all high school students with good attendance, behavior, and academic performance, to exempt up to three semester exams in any subject with an 80% or higher for each semester.

Due to the COVID – 19 pandemic, attendance requirements for exam exemptions will be waived for the 2020 – 2021 school year only. The previous baseline course semester average of 80% has changed to an 85% because attendance is not part of the semester exam exemption criteria for the 2020 – 2021 school year. All other criteria still applies. Semester exam exemption guidelines will apply to all high school students who meet the following semester grade and criteria:

## Course Semester Grade Average

**85 or above**

### ***Exam exemptions will not be allowed if:***

- The student has received a “U” for conduct for the course and semester they wish to exempt;
- The student has been suspended off – campus, assigned to ISS or ISS II, or sent to an off – campus alternative setting during that semester;
- The student has failed to submit their exam exemption request through Skyward by posted deadlines listed below:

1st semester December 9th, 2020 at 4:30 pm

2nd semester May 14th, 2021 at 4:30 pm

- The course is the first semester of an AP course: Students may not submit an exemption for the first semester of **any** AP Course. Students may submit an exam exemption for the second semester of an AP course only.
- The course is a Dual Credit or OnRamps course: Semester exam exemptions for these courses are not allowed.

Semester exam exemptions shall be revoked if a student fails to meet the behavior and grade criteria after the exemptions have been submitted and approved in Skyward.

Please note that changes to the 2020 - 2021 Semester Exam Exemption criteria are based on the COVID - 19 pandemic. We highly encourage parents to participate in the Synchronous or Asynchronous learning opportunities provided by our district.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned assistant principal.