# Katy Independent School District
## 2023 - 2024 GPA EXEMPT COURSE INFORMATION
### INFORMATION REGARDING EXEMPT COURSES

Students are encouraged to pursue their areas of special talents and interest to enrich their academic experience. Elective courses may be taken on a GPA-exempt basis as established by Board Local Policy EIC and identified in this brochure. The courses listed below require successful completion of prerequisites specific to a course pathway or in a program of study. Students **must** have a 4.0 or above to be eligible to take GPA exempt courses. Students may take a maximum of three (3) credits on a GPA Exempt basis during their high school career. Students must submit an application in MyKatyCloud and obtain approval from their school counselor. Parents and Teachers will be notified throughout the process. The following courses have been identified as GPA-exempt eligible for this school year:

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## Career Technical Education Courses

Courses below are the 3rd or 4th course in a program of study or only offered at Miller. Completion of prerequisites and/or corequisites required to earn GPA exemption. Consult the **Course Catalog** for prerequisites and course descriptions.

| Code | Course | Code | Course |
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| 8141 | Livestock Production | 8632 | Entrepreneurship II |
| 8144 | Advanced Animal Science | 8520 | Career Preparation 2 credits |
| 8147V | Veterinary Medical Applications | 8524 | Career Preparation 3 credits |
| 8148V | Veterinarian Assisting | 8990 | Instructional Practices in Education & Training |
| 8125 | Practicum in Agriculture Food, and Natural Resources | 8990V | Instructional Practices in Education & Training |
| 8232 | Horticulture Science | 8991 | Practicum in Education & Training |
| 8237 | Floral Design | 8991V | Practicum in Education & Training |
| 8118 | Range Ecology Management | 8081 | Health Science Theory |
| 8122 | Agricultural Structures Design & Fabrication | 8075V | Dental Assisting I |
| 8136 | Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication | 8087V | Pharmacy I |
| 8030 | Architectural Design II | 8076V | Dental Assisting II |
| 8030V | Architectural Design II | 8088V | Pharmacy II |
| 8001V | Practicum in Architecture | 8077 | Medical Assistant |
| 8192V | Construction Trades I | 8082V | Clinical Rotations |
| 8196V | Construction Trades II | 8085V | Emergency Medical Technician |
| 8031 | Audio/Video Production I | 8097V | Pharmacology |
| 8027V | Digital Audio Technology I | 8371V | Culinary Arts |
| 8028V | Digital Audio Technology II | 8373V | Practicum in Culinary Arts |
| 8005V | Film I--Advanced Audio/Video Production | 8743V | Introduction to Cosmetology |
| 8035V | Film II--Practicum in Audio/Video Production | 8751V | Cosmetology Design and Color Theory |
| 8036 | Animation I | 8744V | Cosmetology I |
| 8009 | Commercial Photography I | 8752V | Cosmetology II |
| 8320 | Fashion Design I | 8312 | Counseling & Mental Health |
| 8053 | Graphic Design I | 8344 | Practicum in Human Services |
| 8013 | Commercial Photography II | 8664V | Computer Maintenance Cisco Academy |
| 8321 | Fashion Design II | 8655V/8676V | Cisco Network Engineering I with Lab |
| 8570 | Accounting I | 8656V/8676V | Cisco Network Engineering II with Lab |
| 8580 | Accounting II | 8970V | Law Enforcement I |
| 8609 | Practicum in Business Management 2 credits | 8984V | Criminal Investigations |
| 8611 | Practicum in Business Management 3 credits | 8977V | Correctional Services |
| 8510 | Business Law | 8976V | Law Enforcement II |
| 8530 | Global Business | 8985V | Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security |
| 8668 | Digital Marketing | 8972V | Court Systems & Practices |
| 8665 | Sports & Entertainment Marketing II | 8987V | Advanced Legal Skills & Professions |
| 8057V | Manufacturing Engineering Technology I | 8660V | Practicum in STEM |
| 8058V | Manufacturing Engineering Technology II | 8678V | Cybersecurity I |
| 8602 | Engineering Design & Presentation I | 8679V | Cybersecurity II |
| 8059V | Practicum in Manufacturing | 8707V | Automotive Basics |
| 8040 | Diversified Manufacturing I | 8700V | Automotive Technology I |
| 8047 | Diversified Manufacturing II | 8715V | Automotive Technology II |
| 8615 | Engineering Science | 8782 | Naval Science II (NJROTC) |
| 8654 | Engineering Design & Problem Solving | 8784 | Naval Science III (NJROTC) |
| | | 8786 | Naval Science IV (NJROTC) |

# Athletics

Continuous enrollment (year 2, 3, 4) in any designated athletic course regardless of sport; does not include PE. Consult the **Course Catalog** for prerequisites and course descriptions.

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| 5102 | Football 2 | 5152 | Boys Soccer 2 |
| 5103 | Football 3 | 5153 | Boys Soccer 3 |
| 5104 | Football 4 | 5154 | Boys Soccer 4 |
| 5202 | Volleyball 2 | 5162 | Boys Cross Country 2 |
| 5203 | Volleyball 3 | 5163 | Boys Cross Country 3 |
| 5204 | Volleyball 4 | 5164 | Boys Cross Country 4 |
| 5212 | Girls Basketball 2 | 5182 | Swim 2 |
| 5213 | Girls Basketball 3 | 5183 | Swim 3 |
| 5214 | Girls Basketball 4 | 5184 | Swim 4 |
| 5222 | Girls Track 2 | 5272 | Diving 2 |
| 5223 | Girls Track 3 | 5273 | Diving 3 |
| 5224 | Girls Track 4 | 5274 | Diving 4 |
| 5132 | Baseball 2 | 5305 | Cheerleading 2 (Sub athletics) |
| 5133 | Baseball 3 | 5306 | Cheerleading 3 (Sub athletics) |
| 5134 | Baseball 4 | 5307 | Cheerleading 4 (Sub athletics) |
| 5232 | Softball 2 | 5452 | Wrestling 2 |
| 5232 | Softball 3 | 5453 | Wrestling 3 |
| 5232 | Softball 4 | 5454 | Wrestling 4 |
| 5252 | Girls Soccer 2 | 5172 | Golf 2 |
| 5253 | Girls Soccer 3 | 5173 | Golf 3 |
| 5254 | Girls Soccer 4 | 5174 | Golf 4 |
| 5262 | Girls Cross Country 2 | 5192 | Tennis 2 |
| 5263 | Girls Cross Country 3 | 5193 | Tennis 3 |
| 5264 | Girls Cross Country 4 | 5194 | Tennis 4 |
| 5112 | Boys Basketball 2 | 5429 | Athletic Training 2 |
| 5113 | Boys Basketball 3 | 5439 | Athletic Training 3 |
| 5114 | Boys Basketball 4 | 5449 | Athletic Training 4 |
| 5122 | Boys Track 2 | | |
| 5123 | Boys Track 3 | | |
| 5124 | Boys Track 4 | | |

# Fine Arts

Continuous enrollment (year 2, 3, 4) in any designated fine arts course. Consult the **Course Catalog** for prerequisites and course descriptions.

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| 7012 | Band 2 | 7551 | Drawing 1 (ART) |
| 7013 | Band 3 | 7552 | Drawing 2 (ART) |
| 7014 | Band 4 | 7553 | Drawing 3 (ART) |
| 7912 | Orchestra 2 | 7561 | Painting 1 (ART) |
| 7913 | Orchestra 3 | 7562 | Painting 2 (ART) |
| 7914 | Orchestra 4 | 7563 | Painting 3 (ART) |
| 7212 | Choir 2 | 7571 | Ceramic 1 (ART) |
| 7213 | Choir 3 | 7572 | Ceramic 2 (ART) |
| 7214 | Choir 4 | 7573 | Ceramic 3 (ART) |
| 7712 | Dance Team 2 | 7412 | Theatre Arts 2 |
| 7713 | Dance Team 3 | 7413 | Theatre Arts 3 |
| 7714 | Dance Team 4 | 7414 | Theatre Arts 4 |
| 7750 | Dance Composition 1 | 7521 | Theatre Production 2 |
| 7751 | Dance Composition 2 | 7522 | Theatre Production 3 |
| 7802 | Dance Color Guard 2 | 7523 | Theatre Production 4 |
| 7803 | Dance Color Guard 3 | 7452 | Technical Theatre 2 |
| 7804 | Dance Color Guard 4 | 7453 | Technical Theatre 3 |
| 7581 | Sculpture 1 (ART) | 7454 | Technical Theatre 4 |
| 7582 | Sculpture 2 (ART) | | |
| 7583 | Sculpture 3 (ART) | | |

| | **Other Electives** |
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Continuous enrollment (year 2, 3, 4) in the following courses. Consult the **Course Catalog** for prerequisites and course descriptions.

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| 1621 | Advanced Journalism Yearbook 1 |
| 1622 | Advanced Journalism Yearbook 2 |
| 1623 | Advanced Journalism Yearbook 3 |
| 1631 | Advanced Journalism Newspaper 1 |
| 1632 | Advanced Journalism Newspaper 2 |
| 1633 | Advanced Journalism Newspaper 3 |
| 1651 | Independent Study in Journalism (YB/NP 4) |
| 1532 | Debate 2 |
| 1533 | Debate 3 |
| 1534 | Independent Study in Speech (Debate 4) |
| 1522 | Oral Interpretation 2 |
| 1523 | Oral Interpretation 3 |
| 0081 | Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL) 2 |

| | **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** |
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**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE A GPA EXEMPT COURSE?**
- Students **must** have a 4.0 or above grade point average (GPA).
- Students must have an overall B average in the prerequisite course for elective courses for which they are seeking a waiver.
- Students must maintain a B average in the GPA exempt course to qualify and maintain GPA exempt eligibility.
- Students must obtain approval from their school counselor. Parents and Teachers will be notified during the approval process.
- Students may take a maximum of three (3) credits on a GPA Exempt basis during their high school career.
- Students must be in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.
- Students understand they must be in their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th full year of continuous enrollment in the same program to meet eligibility for GPA-exempt status. Completion of prerequisites and/or corequisites required.
- For more information, see your counselor, teachers, director, or coach.

**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 are expected to complete all assigned work in a GPA-exempt course including tests and semester exams.
- Students eligible to exempt semester exams may choose to exempt a GPA-exempt 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.

**IF A STUDENT EXEMPTS A COURSE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR BUT DOES NOT ENROLL IN THE COURSE DURING THE NEXT, DO THEY LOSE THE EXEMPT STATUS FOR THE FIRST**

**YEAR?  No. Each year's exemption stands alone.**

**WHAT IF A STUDENT DROPS THE EXEMPT COURSE?**
If a student completes the course with a B average or better for which a GPA waiver is granted, the course will be GPA exempt. Students are expected to complete a full-year course for which a GPA exemption has been approved. In extenuating circumstances where a student is approved to drop a GPA-exempt course after the first semester is complete, the student will receive the first semester credit as GPA exempt. However, the remaining 0.5 GPA exemption cannot be applied to another course during the second semester or following year. The requested 1.0 GPA exemption is considered to be fully expended. If a student drops a full-year course before the close of the first semester for which a GPA exemption has been approved per established guidelines [see EIA (REGULATION)], the new course the student enters is not eligible for a GPA exemption. In this case, the GPA exemption is available for use the following semester/year, if requested and approved according to established guidelines.

**DOES A STUDENT HAVE TO MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT IN A SINGLE ATHLETIC SPORT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXEMPTION?**
No. Any athletic enrollment can qualify.

**HOW DO STUDENTS ENROLL IN A GPA EXEMPT COURSE?**
Students interested in taking one of the GPA Exempt courses must discuss this option with their school counselor at the beginning of the course. If the student meets all the criteria, they must:

1. Complete the online GPA Exempt application located in **MyKaty Cloud**.
2. Submit the application no later than **September 21, 2023**. At this time, if all criteria are met, it will be approved, and a schedule change will be made to reflect enrollment in a GPA Exempt course.
3. Once a student makes the decision to take a course as GPA-exempt, the decision is final and cannot be changed.
4. Students enrolled in full-year courses do not need to reapply during the second semester.



Students, including move-in students, who miss the **September 21, 2023** deadline, may apply for exemption for the second semester if they meet the criteria. The second semester deadline is **February 16, 2024.**

| 2023-2024 GPA Exempt Course Timeline | |
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| **Fall Semester 2023** | |
| Application opens in MyKaty Cloud | August 16, 2023, at 12:00am |
| Deadline to submit application | September 21, 2023, at 11:59pm |
| **Spring Semester 2024** | |
| Application opens in MyKaty Cloud | January 3, 2024, at 12:00am |
| Deadline to submit application | February 16, 2024, at 11:59pm |

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