

FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS (GRADES 9-12)

2024-2025 Katy ISD Semester Exam Exemption Requirements

Semester exam exemptions will be offered during Fall & Spring Semesters for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Below are the required semester exemption requirements.

In KISD, Semester Exam Exemptions are offered as attendance and behavior incentives for students. **Exemptions are determined by course.**

To qualify for an exam exemption in a course, a student must have met the following criteria **per semester, per course**:

1. An average of 80 or higher for the semester.
2. No more than **FIVE (5)** non-school related absences (see note below).
3. No more than **FIVE (5)** tardies;
4. No N in conduct for the course and no U in conduct for *any* class.
5. No ISS, OSS, OAC/DAEP Placement, or JJAEP Placement. No outstanding fees or fines.
6. Must have been enrolled in the course by the 10th day of instruction; and
7. Meet campus specific requirements related to exemption submission deadlines and verification procedures for securing their exemptions.

The number of available **exemptions per grade level** is as follows:

Grade Level	Available Exemptions (Fall)	Available Exemptions (Spring)
9th	1	1
10th	2	2
11th	3	3
12th	7	7

Please note: The following absence codes do NOT count toward the five (5) allowable excused & unexcused absences:

- P: Present but not in class
- S: School-sponsored curricular and extra-curricular activity that is not UIL related
- V: UIL and other competitive activity

Attendance Incentive Exemption

- If a **9th - 11th** grade student has met all the exemption criteria (grade of 80 or higher and discipline) and has no more than 3 calendar days with an absence, that student may apply for one additional exemption.
- If a **senior** has met exemption criteria (grades and discipline) and has no more than 3 calendar days with an absence, they are only required to have a 70 to exempt each class.
 - Examples of calendar days with an absence include:
 - Student missed a full day of school = 1 calendar day
 - Student missed a partial day of school = 1 calendar day
 - Student missed one period due to being checked out for an appointment and returned to school = 1 calendar day

Spring Attendance Incentive Exemption

- If a **9th - 11th** grade student has met all the exemption criteria (grade of 80 or higher and discipline) and has no more than 3 calendar days with an absence in the spring semester, that student may apply for one additional exemption. For juniors this might include the opportunity to exempt the same course from fall semester if they qualify for the additional exemption in both semesters.
- If a **senior** has met exemption criteria (grades and discipline) and has no more than 3 calendar days with an absence, they are only required to have a 70 to exempt each class.

Final Exam Exemption Clarifications:

- Except for seniors, students may not exempt the same course final for both the fall and spring semesters.
- Advanced Placement (AP) Exams:
 - Students enrolled in an AP course who successfully sit for the AP exam for that course may elect to exempt the final exam in the Spring semester. However, students must meet the discipline and attendance criteria above and be passing the course to be eligible for the exemption.
 - The final exam exemption for an AP exam does not count toward the maximum number of exemptions for that student's grade level.
- HCC Dual Credit & College Prep courses CANNOT be exempted.

IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION (Class of 2025):

Campuses will communicate their specific senior final exam schedule and senior activities that begins on Monday, May 12th. Campuses will host a Class of 2025 graduation ceremony meeting and other senior events daily beginning on Monday, May 12^t. These events are required for Seniors. Campuses will communicate specific schedules of the events.

Students are encouraged to verify semester exam exemption eligibility by continually monitoring their semester average(s), attendance/tardies, conduct grade(s) and behavior consequences via the Home Access Center (HAC).