

2023-2024 Katy ISD Semester Exam Exemption Requirements

Semester exam exemptions will be offered during Fall & Spring Semesters for the 2023 – 2024 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 **TEN (10)** 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.
6. No outstanding fees or fines.
7. Must have been enrolled in the course by the 10th day of instruction; and
8. 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 Request

- If a student has met all exemption criteria (grades and discipline) and has no more than 3 absences in any class this semester, that student may apply for an additional exemption.
- If a senior has no more than 3 absences in any class this semester, they are only required to have a 70 to exempt each class.

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SPRING Attendance Incentive Exemption Request

- If a student has met all exemption criteria (grades and discipline) and has no more than 3 absences in any class for the Spring semester, they may apply for an additional exemption. For juniors this might include the opportunity to exempt the same course exempted in the fall if they qualify both semesters for the additional exemption.
- If a senior has no more than 3 absences in any class this semester, 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.
 - The final exam exemption for an AP exam does not count toward the maximum number of exemptions for that student's grade level.
 - **SPRING ONLY** Students who sit for the AP Exam only need to meet attendance requirements (not the spring semester average of 80 or Discipline).
- HCC Dual Credit courses CANNOT be exempted.

IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION (Class of 2024):

Seniors are required to attend school through Friday, May 10, 2024. Excused and non-excused absences accrued through Friday, May 10, 2024, will count toward the maximum five (5) absences or less to exempt a final exam. Seniors who are ineligible for final exam exemptions will take their final exams beginning on Monday, May 13, 2024. The spring semester final exam schedule will be sent out later. Tompkins High School Graduation will be held at 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at Legacy Stadium.

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).

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