

## 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:

#### 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.

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
8602V	Engineering Design & Presentation I	8707V	Automotive Basics
8059V	Practicum in Manufacturing	8700V	Automotive Technology I
8040	Diversified Manufacturing I	8715V	Automotive Technology II
8047	Diversified Manufacturing II	8782	Naval Science II (NJROTC)
8615	Engineering Science	8784	Naval Science III (NJROTC)
8654	Engineering Design & Problem Solving	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.

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.

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

Continuous enrollment (year 2, 3, 4) in the following courses. Consult the [Course Catalog](#) for prerequisites and course descriptions.

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)

### 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.
- Successful completion of prerequisite courses specific to a pathway or a program of study.
- 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students understand they must be in their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>Fall Semester 2023</b>	
Application opens in <a href="#">MyKaty Cloud</a>	August 16, 2023, at 12:00am
Deadline to submit application	September 21, 2023, at 11:59pm
<b>Spring Semester 2024</b>	
Application opens in <a href="#">MyKaty Cloud</a>	January 3, 2024, at 12:00am
Deadline to submit application	February 16, 2024, at 11:59pm

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