

SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTION 2011-2012

The following guidelines, approved 10/13/99, will be used for the Senior Exam Exemption Program.

- The program is optional and may be implemented at the discretion of each high school.
- The program will use second semester data only.
- To be eligible, a student must have at least a 70 (C-) average for the second semester through the first eight weeks of the fourth nine-week grading period.
- To be eligible, a student can be absent no more than two (2) class periods in block classes.
- The program applies to students assigned to senior homerooms.
- Any student meeting the criteria for exemption may choose to take the exam.
- Exam exemption will be determined class by class.
- Seniors enrolled in an SOL course may be required to take the exam regardless of their grade or attendance if they fail the SOL exam.
- Students attending more than half of a class will be counted present for purposes of this program – tardies to class or early dismissals from class that do not result in missing more than half of a class will not be considered.
- Classes missed due to organized school activities (i.e., field trips, athletic team participation) will not count as absences from class for purposes of this program.
- An absence to observe a recognized religious holiday will not count for purposes of this program.
- An absence due to required accepted college visits (with proper documentation) will not count for purposes of this program.
- In-school restriction and suspension days will be counted as absences from class.
- All other non-school related absences – whether excused or unexcused – will be counted as absences from class.
- Cheating or any other integrity violation that results in disciplinary action removes the student from consideration for exam exemption in all classes.
- A senior failing to meet the requirements for exemption may appeal to the teacher (except in cases of an integrity violation). The teacher may determine on a case-by-case basis that special circumstances exist and permit the student to be exempt from the exam. No review of teacher decisions beyond the individual school level will be available.