

Pearland HS 2018-2019 SEMESTER EXAMINATION EXEMPTION POLICY

All students must comply with the following general exemption criteria:

Grade Level	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
	*Excluding STAAR Exam Classes *See AP course exemptions below	*See AP course exemptions below
12 th grade	4	All
11 th grade	2	3
10 th grade	2	3
9 th grade	0	2

1. Number of exemptions is dependent on grade level. See chart above.
2. **No more than four (4)** absences per semester per class. All absences (excused, unexcused, and medical)
3. No assigned ISS, out-of- school suspension, or ALA during the semester.
4. Must not have any outstanding discipline that needs to be served.
5. Must be clear of all fines and fees.

Bonus Exemption:

All students may earn a bonus exemption each semester with perfect attendance.

Students may use the bonus exemption for any non-STAAR tested class if:

1. Student has 70 or above for the semester.
2. No assigned ISS, out-of- school suspension, or ALA served during the semester.
3. Must not have any outstanding discipline that needs to be served.
4. Must be clear of all fines and fees.

**AP Classes have specific criteria for exemptions (see below). Bonus exemptions can't be used towards AP classes.*

FALL SEMESTER:

Regular and Pre-AP classes may exempt an exam if:

1. Student meets above general exemption criteria.
2. Student's semester grade average is **80** or above.

Please note: Students may not exempt a STAAR tested class this semester.

AP classes may exempt an exam if:

1. Student is in a **one semester AP course** (AP US Gov., AP Comparative Gov., AP Micro/Macro Economics, AP Psych, AP Human Geo.) and meets above general exemption criteria.
2. Pre-registers, pays (prior to the end of the fall term), and agrees to take the corresponding AP exam in May.
3. Student's semester grade average is **70** or above.

Please note: Students who use their AP exemption in the Fall and choose not to take the AP test in May will be subject to taking a make-up semester exam in the Spring. Refunds will not be given for students who register and do not take the AP tests.

SPRING SEMESTER:

Regular and Pre-AP must meet same criteria as the Fall semester.

AP classes may exempt an exam if:

1. Student meets above general exemption criteria.
2. Student's semester grade average is **70** or above.
3. Takes corresponding AP exam. The exempting AP teacher must check and approve the exemption form.

Prior to semester exams, the exemption policy will be reviewed with all students. It is important to note that students must have a parent signature on the exemption form. The form must be received by the Assistant Principal's office (PHS or Searcy) on or before the date the form is due in order to be eligible for ANY exemptions. Students who miss the last few weeks of school forfeit their right to exempt their semester exams.