

Pearland High School
SEMESTER EXAMINATION EXEMPTION
Administrative Guidelines
2019-2020

General Exemption Criteria

All students must comply with the following general exemption criteria in the table below:

Grade Level	Fall Semester *Excluding STAAR Exam Classes *See AP course exemptions below	Spring Semester *Including STAAR Exam Classes *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 more than 10 tardies in a semester
4. No assigned ISS, out-of- school suspension, or ALA during the semester.
5. Must not have any outstanding discipline that needs to be served.
6. Must be clear of all fines and fees.
7. Student must meet grading requirements listed below.

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 in the fall:

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 and SAT 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 the above general exemption criteria.
2. Student's semester grade average is 80 or above.

****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) and meets above the general exemption criteria.
2. Student 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 80 or above.

****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.***

SAT Prep classes may exempt an exam if:

1. Student meets the above general exemption criteria.
2. Student's semester grade average is 80 or above.
3. Student pre-registers, pays (prior to the end of the fall term), agrees and or takes the SAT exam.

****Students who use their SAT exemption in the Fall and choose not to take the SAT test during the school year are subject to taking a make-up semester exam in the Spring.***

SPRING SEMESTER:

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

****Students may exempt a STAAR tested class this semester.***

AP classes may exempt an exam if:

1. Student meets the above general exemption criteria.
2. Student's semester grade average is 80 or above.
3. Student takes corresponding AP exam and the exempting AP teacher checks and approves the exemption form.

SAT Prep classes may exempt an exam if:

1. Student meets the above general exemption criteria.
2. Student's semester grade average is 80 or above.
3. Student must have taken an SAT exam this school year.

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 on or before the date the form is due in order to be eligible for ANY exemptions.