

## High School Semester Exam Exemption Policy

2017-18

1. **Junior** and **Senior** students may qualify for exemption in **ANY** class following the criteria in item 3 below.
2. **Freshmen** and **Sophomore** students are required to take all of their exams **at least once** during the term. **Freshmen** and **Sophomore** students may:
  - A. exempt any two blocks the first semester and the other two blocks the second semester. (**They cannot choose the same classes both times.**)
  - B. exempt the 50 minute period class only **ONCE**: either in December OR in May.
3. To be eligible for exemption in a class, a student must meet the following criteria:
  - a. A 90 or better average AND no more than 2 excused absences AND no more than two tardies.
  - b. An 85 or better average AND no more than 1 excused absence AND no more than two tardies.
  - c. **All** absences must be excused to be exempt from that exam. The only absences that do not affect exemption are school sponsored activities and ISS. **ALL** other absences (medical, pre-arranged, illness, etc.) count against exemption. Students must be present during semester exams regardless of exemption status. Absence on semester exam days will count against exemption. Qualification for exemption will be determined from current Skyward data.

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