

## High School Semester Exam Exemption Policy

2018-2019

1. High School students may qualify for exemption in ANY full credit course following the criteria in item 2 below.
  - a. Semester classes must take final exam.
  - b. Exempt any two blocks the first semester and two other different blocks for second semester exemption. (Students cannot choose the same classes both times.) Semester classes must take exam (i.e. health/Speech).
  - c. Exempt the 50 minute period class only ONCE: either in December OR in May.
2. 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
    - i. (4<sup>th</sup> block - 4 excused absences AND no more than 4 tardies).
  - b. An 85 or better average AND no more than 1 excused absence AND no more than two tardies.
    - i. (4<sup>th</sup> block- 2 excused absences and no more than 4 tardies)
  - c. ***All absences must be excused to be exempt from that exam.*** The only absences that do not affect exemptions 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 their exemption status. If a student is absent during a semester exam, the exemption will be waived and is no longer valid. If a student is absent during an exam, the teacher will enter an Incomplete or "I" for the student's final grade. The student will receive 1 opportunity to take a semester exam upon returning only if the absence(s) is/are excused. The exemption privilege does not apply to pre-approved absences. Qualification for exemption will be determined from current Skyward data.