Katy Independent School District

2024 - 2025 GPA EXEMPT COURSE INFORMATION

INFORMATION REGARDING EXEMPT COURSES

Students are encouraged to pursue their areas of special talents and interest to enrich their academic experience. Elective courses may be taken on a GPA-exempt basis as established by Board Local Policy EIC and identified in this brochure. The courses listed below require successful completion of prerequisites specific to a course pathway or in a program of study. Students **must** have a 4.0 or above to be eligible to take GPA exempt courses. Students may take a maximum of three (3) credits on a GPA Exempt basis during their high school career. Students must submit an application in MyKatyCloud and obtain approval from their school counselor. Parents and Teachers will be notified throughout the process. The following courses have been identified as GPA-exempt eligible for this school year:

Career Technical Education Courses

Courses below are the **3rd or 4th** course in a program of study or only offered at Miller. **Completion of prerequisites and/or corequisites required to earn GPA exemption**. Consult the **Course Catalog** for prerequisites and course descriptions.

8141	Livestock Production	8632	Entrepreneurship II
8144	Advanced Animal Science	8520	Career Preparation I (2 credits)
8147V	Veterinary Medical Applications (MCTC)	8524	Extended Career Preparation I (3 credits)
8148V	Veterinarian Assisting (MCTC)	8521	Career Preparation II (2 credits)
8125	Practicum in Agriculture Food, and Natural Resources	8525	Extended Career Preparation II (3 credits)
8232	Horticulture Science	8990	Instructional Practices in Education & Training
8237	Floral Design	8990V	Instructional Practices in Education & Training (MCTC)
8118	Range Ecology Management	8991	Practicum in Education & Training
8122	Agricultural Structures Design & Fabrication	8991V	Practicum in Education & Training (MCTC)
8136	Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication	8081	Health Science Theory
8048	Civil Engineering and Architecture	8075V	Dental Assisting I (MCTC)
8030	Architectural Design II	8087V	Pharmacy I (MCTC)
8030V	Architectural Design II (MCTC)	8076V	Dental Assisting II (MCTC)
8001V	Practicum in Architecture (MCTC)	8088V	Pharmacy II (MCTC)
8192V	Construction Trades I (MCTC)	8077	Medical Assistant
8196V	Construction Trades II (MCTC)	8082V	Clinical Rotations (MCTC)
8031	Audio/Video Production I	8085V	Emergency Medical Technician (MCTC)
8033	Audio Video Production II	8097V	Pharmacology (MCTC)
8027V	Digital Audio Technology I (MCTC)	8371V	Culinary Arts (MCTC)
8028V	Digital Audio Technology II (MCTC)	8364V	Foundations **in** Restaurant Management (MCTC)
8005V	Film I--Advanced Audio/Video Production (MCTC)	8373V	Practicum in Culinary Arts (MCTC)
8035V	Film II--Practicum in Audio/Video Production (MCTC)	8743V	Introduction to Cosmetology (MCTC)
8036	Animation I	8751V	Cosmetology Design and Color Theory (MCTC)
8009	Commercial Photography I	8744V	Cosmetology I (MCTC)
8320	Fashion Design I	8752V	Cosmetology II (MCTC)
8053	Graphic Design I	8312	Counseling & Mental Health
8013	Commercial Photography II	8344	Practicum in Human Services
8321	Fashion Design II	8664V	Computer Technician Cisco Academy (MCTC)
8056	Graphic Design and Illustration II	8685V	Cisco Network Engineering I with Lab (MCTC)
8570	Accounting I	8686	Cisco Network Engineering II with Lab (MCTC)
8580	Accounting II	8970V	Law Enforcement I (MCTC)
8609	Practicum in Business Management 2 credits	8984V	Criminal Investigations (MCTC)

8611	Practicum in Business Management 3 credits	8977V	Correctional Services (MCTC)
8510	Business Law	8976V	Law Enforcement II (MCTC)
8622	Business Information Management II	8985V	Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security (MCTC)
8683	Entrepreneurship II	8972V	Court Systems & Practices (MCTC)
8668	Social Media Marketing	8987V	Advanced Legal Systems (MCTC)
8629	Fashion Marketing	8660V	Practicum in STEM (MCTC)
8057V	Manufacturing Engineering Technology I (MCTC)	8678V	Cybersecurity I (MCTC)
8058V	Manufacturing Engineering Technology II (MCTC)	8679V	Cybersecurity II (MCTC)
8602	Engineering Design & Presentation I	8707V	Automotive Basics (MCTC)
8602V	Engineering Design & Presentation I	8700V	Automotive Technology I (MCTC)
8059V	Practicum in Manufacturing (MCTC)	8715V	Automotive Technology II (MCTC)
8040	Diversified Manufacturing I	8782	Naval Science II (NJROTC)
8047	Diversified Manufacturing II	8784	Naval Science III (NJROTC)
8615	Engineering Science	8786	Naval Science IV (NJROTC)
8654	Engineering Design & Problem Solving		

Athletics

Continuous enrollment (year 2, 3, 4) in any designated athletic course regardless of sport; does not include PE.
Consult the **Course Catalog** for prerequisites and course descriptions.

5102	Football 2		5152	Boys Soccer 2
5103	Football 3		5153	Boys Soccer 3
5104	Football 4		5154	Boys Soccer 4
5202	Volleyball 2		5162	Boys Cross Country 2
5203	Volleyball 3		5163	Boys Cross Country 3
5204	Volleyball 4		5164	Boys Cross Country 4
5212	Girls Basketball 2		5182	Swim 2
5213	Girls Basketball 3		5183	Swim 3
5214	Girls Basketball 4		5184	Swim 4
5222	Girls Track 2		5272	Diving 2
5223	Girls Track 3		5273	Diving 3
5224	Girls Track 4		5274	Diving 4
5132	Baseball 2		5305	Cheerleading 2 (Sub athletics)
5133	Baseball 3		5306	Cheerleading 3 (Sub athletics)
5134	Baseball 4		5307	Cheerleading 4 (Sub athletics)
5232	Softball 2		5452	Wrestling 2
5232	Softball 3		5453	Wrestling 3
5232	Softball 4		5454	Wrestling 4
5252	Girls Soccer 2		5172	Golf 2
5253	Girls Soccer 3		5173	Golf 3
5254	Girls Soccer 4		5174	Golf 4
5262	Girls Cross Country 2		5192	Tennis 2
5263	Girls Cross Country 3		5193	Tennis 3
5264	Girls Cross Country 4		5194	Tennis 4
5112	Boys Basketball 2		5429	Athletic Training 2
5113	Boys Basketball 3		5439	Athletic Training 3
5114	Boys Basketball 4		5449	Athletic Training 4
5122	Boys Track 2			
5123	Boys Track 3			
5124	Boys Track 4			

Fine Arts

Continuous enrollment (year 2, 3, 4) in any designated fine arts course. Consult the **Course Catalog** for prerequisites and course descriptions.

7012	Band 2		7551	Drawing 1 (ART)
7013	Band 3		7552	Drawing 2 (ART)
7014	Band 4		7553	Drawing 3 (ART)
7912	Orchestra 2		7561	Painting 1 (ART)
7913	Orchestra 3		7562	Painting 2 (ART)
7914	Orchestra 4		7563	Painting 3 (ART)
7212	Choir 2		7571	Ceramic 1 (ART)
7213	Choir 3		7572	Ceramic 2 (ART)
7214	Choir 4		7573	Ceramic 3 (ART)
7712	Dance Team 2		7412	Theatre Arts 2
7713	Dance Team 3		7413	Theatre Arts 3
7714	Dance Team 4		7414	Theatre Arts 4
7750	Dance Composition 1		7521	Theatre Production 2
7751	Dance Composition 2		7522	Theatre Production 3
7802	Dance Color Guard 2		7523	Theatre Production 4
7803	Dance Color Guard 3		7452	Technical Theatre 2
7804	Dance Color Guard 4		7453	Technical Theatre 3
7581	Sculpture 1 (ART)		7454	Technical Theatre 4
7582	Sculpture 2 (ART)			
7583	Sculpture 3 (ART)			

Other Electives

Continuous enrollment (year 2, 3, 4) in the following courses. Consult the **Course Catalog** for prerequisites and course descriptions.

1621	Advanced Journalism Yearbook 1
1622	Advanced Journalism Yearbook 2
1623	Advanced Journalism Yearbook 3
1631	Advanced Journalism Newspaper 1
1632	Advanced Journalism Newspaper 2
1633	Advanced Journalism Newspaper 3
1651	Independent Study in Journalism (YB/NP 4)
1532	Debate 2
1533	Debate 3
1534	Independent Study in Speech (Debate 4)
1522	Oral Interpretation 2
1523	Oral Interpretation 3
0081	Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL) 2

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE A GPA EXEMPT COURSE?

- Students **must** have a 4.0 or above grade point average (GPA).
- Students must have an overall B average in the prerequisite course for elective courses for which they are seeking a waiver.
- Successful completion of prerequisite courses specific to a pathway or a program of study.
- Students must maintain a B average in the GPA exempt course to qualify and maintain GPA exempt eligibility.
- Students must obtain approval from their school counselor. Parents and Teachers will be notified during the approval process.
- Students may take a maximum of three (3) credits on a GPA Exempt basis during their high school career.
- Students must be in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.
- Students understand they must be in their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th full year of underline continuous enrollment in the same program to meet eligibility for GPA-exempt status. Completion of prerequisites and/or corequisites required.
- For more information, see your counselor, teachers, director, or coach.

HOW ARE GRADES HANDLED IN A GPA EXEMPT COURSE?

Students who are eligible and choose to take one of these courses for a GPA EXEMPT grade:

- Will receive a numerical grade all year on the report card.
- Will receive the actual numeric grade with a comment or label indicating "GPA exempt" on the Academic Achievement Record (transcript).
- Will receive credit for these courses, but also have these courses excluded from the computation of GPA and class rank.
- Exemptions are granted on a semester basis.

WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THESE COURSES?

- The numerical grade earned will be reported on the report card.
- Students are expected to complete all assigned work in a GPA-exempt course including tests and semester exams.
- Students eligible to exempt semester exams may choose to exempt a GPA-exempt course.

HOW WILL GRADES IN A GPA EXEMPT COURSE AFFECT ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

The numerical grades earned in a GPA Exempt course will be used to determine eligibility for participation in all UIL or school-sponsored activities. In addition, numerical grades will also be used to determine honor roll each six-weeks; for qualifying criteria used in selection of students for various positions such as dance team officers, class officers, exam exemptions, etc.; for eligibility for academic awards, including admission to organizations such as National Honor Society; etc.

IF A STUDENT EXEMPTS A COURSE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR BUT DOES NOT ENROLL IN THE COURSE DURING THE NEXT, DO THEY LOSE THE EXEMPT STATUS FOR THE FIRST YEAR? No. Each year's exemption stands alone.

WHAT IF A STUDENT DROPS THE EXEMPT COURSE?
If a student completes the course with a B average or better for which a GPA waiver is granted, the course will be GPA exempt. Students are expected to complete a full-year course for which a GPA exemption has been approved. In extenuating circumstances where a student is approved to drop a GPA-exempt course after the first semester is complete, the student will receive the first semester credit as GPA exempt. However, the remaining 0.5 GPA exemption cannot be applied to another course during the second semester or following year. The requested 1.0 GPA exemption is considered to be fully expended. If a student drops a full-year course before the close of the first semester for which a GPA exemption has been approved per established guidelines [see EIA (REGULATION)], the new course the student enters is not eligible for a GPA exemption. In this case, the GPA exemption is available for use the following semester/year, if requested and approved according to established guidelines.

DOES A STUDENT HAVE TO MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT IN A SINGLE ATHLETIC SPORT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXEMPTION?
No. Any athletic enrollment can qualify.

HOW DO STUDENTS ENROLL IN A GPA EXEMPT COURSE?
Students interested in taking one of the GPA Exempt courses must discuss this option with their school counselor at the beginning of the course. If the student meets all the criteria, they must:

1. Complete the online GPA Exempt application located in **MyKaty Cloud**.
2. Submit the application no later than **September 19, 2024.** At this time, if all criteria are met, it will be approved, and a schedule change will be made to reflect enrollment in a GPA Exempt course.
3. Once a student makes the decision to take a course as GPA-exempt, the decision is final and cannot be changed.
4. Students enrolled in full-year courses do not need to reapply during the second semester.

Students, including move-in students, who miss the **September 19, 2024** deadline, may apply for exemption for the second semester if they meet the criteria. The second semester deadline is **February 14, 2025.**

2024-2025 GPA Exempt Course Timeline	
Fall Semester 2024	
Application opens in MyKaty Cloud	August 14, 2024, at 12:00am
Deadline to submit application	September 19, 2024, at 11:59pm
Spring Semester 2025	
Application opens in MyKaty Cloud	January 7, 2025, at 12:00am
Deadline to submit application	February 14, 2025, at 11:59pm

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