

2023-2024 Katy ISD Semester Exam Exemption Requirements

Semester exam exemptions will be offered during Fall & Spring Semesters for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Below are the required semester exemption requirements.

In KISD, Semester Exam Exemptions are offered as attendance and behavior incentives for students.

Exemptions are determined by course.

To qualify for an exam exemption in a course, a student must have met the following criteria **per semester, per course**:

1. An average of 80 or higher for the semester.
2. No more than **FIVE (5)** non-school related absences (see note below).
3. No more than **TEN (10)** tardies;
4. No N in conduct for the course and no U in conduct for *any* class.
5. No ISS, OSS, OAC/DAEP Placement, or JJAEP Placement.
6. No outstanding fees or fines.
7. Must have been enrolled in the course by the 10th day of instruction; and
8. Meet campus specific requirements related to exemption submission deadlines and verification procedures for securing their exemptions.

The number of available **exemptions per grade level** is as follows:

Grade Level	Available Exemptions (Fall)	Available Exemptions (Spring)
9th	1	1
10th	2	2
11th	3	3
12th	7	7

Please note: The following absence codes do NOT count toward the five (5) allowable excused & unexcused absences:

- P: Present but not in class
- S: School-sponsored curricular and extra-curricular activity that is not UIL related
- V: UIL and other competitive activity

FALL Attendance Incentive Exemption Request

- For Freshman, Sophomores & Juniors - If you have met all exemption criteria (grades and discipline) and have no more than 3 absences in any class this semester, you qualify for an additional exemption.
- For Seniors - If you have no more than 3 absences in any class this semester and meet discipline criteria, the grade criteria moves to a 70 or higher for the semester for you to be able to exempt the semester exam.

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SPRING Attendance Incentive Exemption Request

- If you have met all exemption criteria (grades and discipline) and have no more than 3 absences in any class this semester, you qualify for an additional exemption. For juniors this might include the opportunity to exempt the same course exempted in the fall if you qualify both semesters for the additional exemption.

Final Exam Exemption Clarifications:

- Except for seniors, students may not exempt the same course final for both the fall and spring semesters.
- Advanced Placement (AP) Exams:
 - Students enrolled in an AP course who successfully sit for the AP exam for that course may elect to exempt the final exam in the Spring semester.
 - The final exam exemption for an AP exam does not count toward the maximum number of exemptions for that student's grade level.
- HCC Dual Credit courses CANNOT be exempted.

IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION (Class of 2024):

Seniors are required to attend school through Friday, May 10, 2024. Excused and non-excused absences accrued through Friday, May 10, 2024, will count toward the maximum five (5) absences or less to exempt a final exam. Seniors who are ineligible for final exam exemptions may take their final exams beginning on Monday, May 13, 2024. Campuses will communicate their specific senior final exam schedule that begins on Monday, May 13, through 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Campuses will host a Class of 2024 graduation ceremony meeting and other senior events daily beginning on Monday, May 13th.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Jordan High School Graduation
Thursday, May 16, 2024	Paetow High School Graduation
Friday, May 17, 2024	Katy High School Graduation
Saturday, May 18, 2024	Taylor High School Graduation
Sunday, May 19, 2024	Mayde Creek High School Graduation
Monday, May 20, 2024	Cinco Ranch High School Graduation
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Morton Ranch High School Graduation
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	Seven Lakes High School Graduation
Thursday, May 23, 2024	Tompkins High School Graduation

Students are encouraged to verify semester exam exemption eligibility by continually monitoring their semester average(s), attendance/tardies, conduct grade(s) and behavior consequences via the Home Access Center (HAC).

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