2026-27 Exam Exemption Parameters

For courses leading to a NYS Assessment: Includes ELA 6-8, Math 6-8 and Science 8

Students will be exempt from the final exam for the aforementioned courses when:

- They participate with due diligence in the NYS Assessments.
- They have a passing average (65% or higher) in the course at 35 weeks.
- They have an overall passing average (65%or higher).
    - "Overall" refers to the passing of all classes when each course grade is averaged together.
- They are not considered "chronically absent" (absent more than 20 days of school). This includes **ALL** absences, regardless of reason.

If a student is exempt from a final examination for a specific class, the final average will be calculated by using their 4 marking period grades. Students may challenge the final exam to see if they can get a better grade and increase their overall average. Exam scores that are lower than their overall average will not be averaged in (in other words, the students cannot not be hurt by challenging the exam).

For courses leading to a Regents Exam:

● Includes Living Environment, CC Algebra, as well as 7th and 8th grade Spanish.

● All students that meet the course requirements for the Regents Exam must take the exam in order to receive Regents credit.

For all other courses (No NYS Assessment):

Students will be exempt from the final exam for the aforementioned courses when:

- They participate with due diligence in the NYS Assessments.
- They have a **95%** or higher in the course at 35 weeks.
- They have an overall passing average (65% or higher) .
    - "Overall" refers to the passing of all classes when each course grade is averaged together.
- They are not considered "chronically absent" (absent more than 20 days of school). This includes **ALL** absences, regardless of reason.

If a student is exempt from a final examination for a specific class, the final average will be calculated by using their 4 marking period grades. Students may challenge the final exam to see if they can get a better grade and increase their overall average. Exam scores that are lower than their overall average will not be averaged in (in other words, the students cannot not be hurt by challenging the exam).