Definition of a Final Exam – A final exam is an exam taken at the end of the course that is worth 20% of a semester grade and covers all the content for a particular course. Midterm exams are not considered final exams since the student has not finished learning all of the content for a course.

Purpose of the Final Exam – The purpose of final exams is to help determine mastery of the course content and preparation for beyond high school exams. Students have the opportunity to earn exemptions from final exams because they have performed to a high standard throughout the school year in the areas of grades, discipline, and attendance. The reward for those students who meet the requirements for exemptions is that they do not have to study, prepare for, or take this exam. ****Students must be present for the exam to receive the exemption.****

Attendance

- All Excused and Unexcused absences count against exemptions (an absence code of U or those that begin with 'E').
- Absence codes beginning with 'P' do **not** count against exemptions.
- Transfer students will include attendance from the prior school, if provided.
- For exemption purposes, corrections to attendance or tardies must be made within 2 weeks of the absence or tardy.

Tardies

- Students with more than 10 cumulative tardies in a semester are not eligible for exemption that semester.

Discipline

- Students who received an out-of-placement discipline assignment of ISS or OSS within the applicable semester are not eligible for exemption that semester.
- Students who received the out-of-placement discipline assignment of DAEP or JJAEP during the school year are not eligible for exemption.

Fines and Fees

- Students will receive an exemption form from their Assistant Principal if they meet attendance and discipline criteria.
- All fines, textbooks, fees, fundraising, uniform, etc., records must be cleared ***before*** turning in the exemption form.

Seniors
May exempt ALL classes for Fall and Spring Semesters
Grades: **Semester average of 90 or greater and 4 or fewer absences per semester** **Semester average of 80 or greater and 3 or fewer absences per semester**

Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen		
May exempt only in the Spring Semester		
Juniors - 5 exams	**Sophomores - 4 exams**	**Freshmen - 3 exams**
Grades: **Semester average of 90 or greater and 4 or fewer absences Spring semester** **Semester average of 80 or greater and 3 or fewer absences Spring semester**		

Special Circumstances

- EOC Courses may be exempt if both semesters are a grade of 70 or higher, if all other criteria are met, and the student achieves a passing score on the spring EOC.
- CTE courses may be exempt if the following conditions are met:
    - Both semesters have a grade of 70 or higher, AND all other criteria are satisfied, AND
    - The student achieves an Industry-Based Certification (IBC) that:
        - Was completed during the current school year, AND Is directly aligned with the Level 3 or Level 4 course they are enrolled in.

Note: Certifications from prior years or unrelated courses do not qualify. Advanced Placement Courses may be exempt if both semesters are a grade of 70 or higher, if all other criteria are met, and the student takes the AP Exam.