Oak Ridge High School
2026 - 2027 Exemption Policy

Seniors:

- Fall Semester: May exempt single-semester courses only. **The only courses eligible for exemption are:** Advertising**,** Equine Science, Government, Health, PFL, Psychology, Small Animal Management, Sociology, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, and Leadworthy.
- Spring Semester: May exempt all exams

Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen:

- Fall Semester: No exemptions
- Spring Semester: May exempt up to two exams

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: All students (9-11) who take an AP exam, can earn an additional end of the year exemption for each AP class if all other requirements listed below are met. Underclassmen who do not take the AP exam could still exempt their AP Final, but it will count as one of their two eligible exemptions.

Requirements for exemptions include:

1.
- **Semester average** of 90 or higher in the course
- Four or fewer class absences **for the semester** (3 tardies count as an absence)
- Present in class on exam day
- No discipline assignments to ISS or OSS for the semester
- No discipline assignments to DAEP or JJAEP for the year
- All fines, textbooks, fees, fund-raising, uniform, etc. records cleared

OR

2.
- **Semester average** of 80 - 89 in course
- Three or fewer class absences **for the semester** (3 tardies count as an absence)
- Present in class on exam day
- No discipline assignments to ISS or OSS for the semester
- No discipline assignments to DAEP or JJAEP for the school year
- All fines, textbooks, fees, fund-raising, uniform, etc. records cleared

Excused and unexcused absences count for exemption eligibility. The following absence codes are the exceptions and do not count:

HCP (Doctor visit during part of the school day, in class the rest of the day)
REL (Religious Holiday)
FRL (Funeral attendance for close relatives)
EC (Participation in extra-curricular activities)
UIL (Participation in UIL sanctioned sports or academic competitions)
FT (School-sponsored field trips)
CRT (Court appearance)
CV (College Visit – see below)
TST (testing)
SEV (special event on campus)

- Attendance and absences for transfer students will include their attendance and absences at the prior school.
- College visitation days – up to two days for the year during junior and senior years only (see Assistant Principal for prior permission and appropriate documentation required upon return to school)
- Administration may change the decision of the exemption for students based on extenuating circumstances. Assistant principals will review and make a recommendation to the Associate Principal of Curriculum and Instruction for approval.