

# 2018-2019

## Final Exemption Guidelines

### Spring Final Exam Exemptions

All students are required to take their fall semester exams. Students may earn exemptions from their Spring Final Exams if they qualify by meeting the criteria described below. Exemptions from Final Exams are an honor earned by students who attend school regularly, follow the student code of conduct, master the required content and demonstrate required grades. Students who qualify for spring semester exam exemptions must attend all classes during the week of semester exams. Qualifying students are exempt from taking the semester exam but are not exempt from attending class.

Qualification for Spring Exam Exemptions will be based on a student's attendance for the entire school year. Students will qualify for an exemption in each class based on a combination of absences and minimum grade requirements:

**Number of Absences must not exceed 6 per class period for the entire year. Students moving in at semester must not exceed 3 absences per class period.**

**Minimum Average Grade Required is determined by averaging the 5 grading cycles. Students must obtain a grade average of 80 - 100. Students who level down from AP/Pre-AP to an on-level course must follow the general exemption requirements.**

**Semester Courses including AP Government and AP Economics are not eligible for exemptions. Students enrolled in semester courses will be required to take the semester exams.**

### Additional Exemption Considerations:

- Students taking an AP/IB exam for the course in consideration will not have an additional final exam in that class (except AP Government, AP Economics).
- **All students enrolled in an AP/IB course will take the AP/IB Exam or the Spring final** for the course in consideration. AP/IB courses are considered college level courses; therefore, they are not eligible for exemptions.
- Students with a passing semester average in a course that requires an End of Course (EOC) exam are exempt from the final exam in that class.
- Students who have earned an exemption for a class may choose to take the semester exam and have the exam count in their semester grade if it improves their grade for the course.
- Students and parents/guardians may check attendance and grade records for accuracy through their txConnect account at: <https://itccsgb.esc20.net/PALN/Login.aspx> .

### Exemption Eligibility Process:

- Absence from any single class period or an entire day will trigger a phone call to the number on file to notify the family of an absence.
- Already mentioned above, written verification of the absence must be received by the school within two (2) days of a student's return to school.