

The Natalia High School Semester Exam Exemption Policy

Students in grades 9-12 may be eligible for semester examination exemptions based on attendance, grades, and conduct.

Attendance/Grades

- The following grade/absence criteria must be met
 - 9-week grades 80 or above in each class with no more than 3 absences per class period.
 - 4 or more absences in any period in a semester exclude you from exemptions.
- Students must be present on the exam day(s) for the duration of the exam period(s) for which the exemption is received. If a student fails to attend, the exemption will be voided, and they will be required to take the exam on a date arranged through the NHS Administration.
 - Students must continue to attend class even if exempt from their final exam.
- The following will not count against the total absences allowed (By Code):
 - **E/F** = School-related absences.
 - **M** = Medical appointments that the student attended during the school day.
 - *Students must return to school with a medical note on the same day.*
 - **R** = Religious holidays
 - **L** = License/Permit
 - **B** = Approved College Visits
 - **N** = On Campus
 - **G** = Military
 - **I** = Testing
- The following WILL count against the total absences allowed (By Code):
 - **U** = Unexcused absences
 - **A** = Parent Note/Doctor Note (*If the student is out all day at a medical appointment it is considered an excused absence BUT will count against final exam exemptions for being out all day.*)
- Conduct
 - Students have no discipline infractions that lead to ISS, Suspension, or DAEP.
- Guidelines

Students who qualify for semester exemptions may be excused from taking the following exams:

 - 9th-grade students may exempt two exams
 - 10th-grade students may exempt four exams
 - 11th-grade students may exempt six exams
 - 12th-grade students may exempt all exams

Note: None of the above-mentioned criteria may supersede current requirements for Dual Credit courses. Additionally, students may **NOT** be exempt from state-assessed courses in the fall semester; exemptions for state-assessed courses will apply only in the spring semester.

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