

Seniors Exam Exemption Policy

This policy is based on attendance and academic performance. Exemptions **may not** be granted for End-of-Course (EOC) examinations and VOCATS assessments. Exemptions will be granted each semester under the following conditions:

Exam Exemptions will be based on the following “Grade Average/Days Missed” scale:

A average with 3 or fewer excused absences per semester

B average with 2 or fewer excused absences per semester

C average with 1 or fewer excused absences per semester

1. The attendance count includes each instructional day of the semester (90 days).
2. Attendance will be calculated per class period according to period attendance.
3. A student must be in class for one-half of the period (45 minutes) in order to be counted present.
4. Absences due to school-related activities (such as school-sponsored field trips and sports competitions approved by the principal) **will not** be considered absences.
5. Pre-Scheduled guidance appointments, and school board approved religious holidays **will not** be considered absences.
6. Time that is missed due to visiting a college campus during “College Days” or interviewing for scholarships (except when nominated by the school) **will be** considered an absence.
7. A student with an unexcused absence in a class, regardless of his/her grade average, will only forfeit the privilege of being exempt from the exam in that particular class.
8. The grade average will be based on the student’s average from the beginning of the course. The average used to determine if a student is exempt will be the anticipated final average for the course.
9. The Senior Exam Exemption Policy will go into effect Thursday, August 27, 2009 for 1st semester and Monday, February 1, 2010 for 2nd semester.

Holly Springs High School thanks Knightdale High School and Leesville Road High School, whose exam exemption policies we referenced in building this document. A full bibliography of the documents we referenced can be found on the Holly Springs High School website.