

Semester Test Exemption Qualifications

Students in grades 7 through 10 may be exempt from 3 semester tests. Students in grades 11 and 12 may be exempt from all tests each semester provided they meet the following:

- No more than 1 absences with a grade average of 85 in that class
- No more than 2 absences with a grade average of 90 in that class
- No more than 3 absences with a grade average of 95 in that class

Absences are “per semester,” are counted in that class only, and count up to the day of exemptions. With the exception of the following, ALL absences count against a student for exemption purposes.

1. Absences that count as “PRESENT,” such as observing religious holy days, attending required court appearances, completing paperwork for citizenship, college visits (maximum of 2 per year in 11th & 12th grade), missing part of a school day for a medical visit provided a note is turned in within 3 days of the appointment. (see TEC 25.087(b) 2013 for more examples)
2. Extracurricular activities in which the student participates
3. Medicaid screening
4. Funerals (provide documentation and maximum of 3 days)
5. Illnesses with a doctor’s order not to attend school. The note must be turned in to the school office within 3 days of the student’s return.
6. Acts of nature and disaster (must be approved by the principal)
7. Up to two documented trips to the DMV to obtain a driver’s license or permit per year.

Tardies also count against exemptions. Three tardies count as one absence in the exemption count for each class.

A student may not be exempt from any test after a **total of 12 cumulative tardies** during the semester.

This exemption policy is a privilege and is at the principal’s discretion. The exemption can be revoked!

The following circumstances prohibit a student from being eligible for exemptions.

- Being assigned to any removal placement (OSS, ISS, or DAEP)
- Owing fees or fines
- Missing books, school equipment, or athletic gear.
- Having been caught cheating during that semester.