

Descriptor Term:
EXAMINATIONS and EXEMPTIONS

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Students on the 4 x 4 schedule may be exempt from the semester exam given prior to Christmas and the end of the school year. For a student on the 4 x 4 schedule to qualify for an exemption from an examination in a particular course, he/she must meet in that course one of the criteria listed below.

Schools will administer a comprehensive examination that includes all work completed during a particular Course. This exam will account for 20% of the Term grade.

Grades 6 – 12 for a student to qualify for an exemption in a particular course, he/she must meet one of the criteria listed below:

- Have an average of 90 - 100 for the course and no more than 4 absences per semester course or no more than 2 absences per 9 week course.
- Have an average of 80 - 89 for the course and no more than 2 absences per semester course or no more than 1 absence per 9 week course.
- Seniors Only: Have a passing average for the course, plus at least a passing average for the last Term of that course and no absences during the last Term of that course.
- Students in grades 9-11 with perfect attendance for the year (Terms 1-4), who have a passing average can be exempt from the Term 4 exam in May.
- **Perfect attendance is defined as being present all day every day.
- Those students taking yearlong courses may be exempt at each semester using the same criteria as #1 and #2 above.
- The student can have no more than one (1) ISI discipline incident and no OSS per semester.
- If a student is exempt from an exam, he/she is not to be considered absent.

Absences:

All absences are counted toward exemption. This includes parent notes, doctor excuses, and unexcused absences.

Note: Some classes will be completed in one Term, and others will be completed in two Terms.

Criteria for semester exam exemptions in Middle Schools are as follows:

- A student is eligible for exemption if he or she has a 90-100 semester average with no more than four (4) absences per semester in a course or the student has maintained an 80-89 semester average with no more than two (2) absences per semester.
- The student can have no more than one (1) ISI discipline incident and no OSS per semester.
- All absences are counted toward exemption. This includes parent notes, doctor excuses and unexcused absences. Principal has discretion to allow exemptions under extenuating circumstances.

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Absences: All absences are counted toward exemption with the exception of hospitalization and outpatient procedures. Emergency room visits may does not qualify. This includes parent notes, doctor excuses, and unexcused absences. See JCSD School Board Policies IHA and IHAA.

Grades

Tests count 40%, exams count 20%, daily work counts for 30%, and homework counts for 10%. The course average will consist of the average of the two terms. See JCSD School Board Policies IHA and IHAA.

Participation in the following activities is not considered an absence:

- School-related activities
- 2 senior college day per year, approved by the guidance counselor
- 3. University honors placement exams approved by the guidance counselor

Any student who qualifies to be exempt in a particular course has the option of taking the examination for that course.

See Student Handbook