

Policy Addition for High School

Semester Final Exam for High School only (grades 9-12)

To incentivize students to improve their attendance, behavior, and grades, semester examinations will become 20% of the semester grade in each course. However, students who meet the criteria below will be exempted from taking the final exam.

Semester Average Calculation will be performed automatically, per the current software (Ascender)

$(2 \times (\text{1st nine week average} + \text{2nd nine week average}) + \text{semester exam}) / 5 = \text{Semester Final}$

In the case of an exemption, grades will be calculated according to the below calculations:

$(\text{1st nine week average} + \text{2nd nine week average}) / 2 = \text{Semester Final}$

Criteria for Exemption from Final Exam for the current semester:

1. No unexcused absences
2. No more than 3 excused absences
3. No assignment to in-school or out-of-school suspension
4. Semester average no less than 85
5. On-track for community service hours (5 hours per semester)
6. Seniors: FAFSA/TASFA completed and 40 hours of community service completed
7. If the student elects to take the semester exam, the exam grade shall be used to calculate the student's final grade for the semester only if the exam grade improves the final average.