

Grand Oaks High School Final Exam Exemption Policy 2022-2023

Definition of a Final Exam – A final exam is an exam taken at the end of the course that is worth 15% of a semester grade and covers all the content for a particular course. Midterm exams are not considered final exams since the student has not finished learning all of the content for a course. Most final exams will be administered only in the Spring semester. For those classes completed in one semester, the final exam can be administered in the Fall semester at the conclusion of the course.

Purpose of the Final Exam – The purpose of final exams is to help determine mastery of the course content. Students have the opportunity to earn exemptions from final exams because they have performed to a high standard throughout the school year in the areas of grades, discipline, and attendance. The reward for those students who meet the requirements for exemptions is that they do not have to study, prepare for, or take this exam.

Note - *Students who qualify for an exam exemption must be present on the day of the final exam to remain eligible for the exemption.*

Number of Final Exam Exemptions

Seniors	May be exempt from all Final Exams (not Midterm Exams) in the Fall Semester and all Final Exams in the Spring Semester.
Juniors	No Final Exam Exemptions in the Fall Semester. May be exempt up to 4 Final Exams in the Spring Semester.
Sophomores	No Final Exam Exemptions in the Fall Semester. May be exempt up to 3 Final Exams in the Spring Semester.
Freshmen	No Final Exam Exemptions in the Fall Semester. May be exempt up to 2 Final Exams in the Spring Semester.

Students that take a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exam in May are not required to take the final exam for the corresponding class subject. Exempting an AP class final exam does not count towards the total number of final exam exemptions that Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors qualify for.

Midterm exams in the Fall semester do not qualify for the Final Exam Exemption Policy regardless of the grade level of the student.

Grade Requirement

A student may be exempted from a Fall (Seniors only) or Spring final exam if their semester average is 80 or greater.

Attendance Requirement

A student may **not** be exempt from a final exam if they have 6 or more absences per semester (school-sponsored events will not be counted as absences.)

A student may **not** be exempt from a final exam if they have accumulated 10 or more tardies per semester.

Discipline Requirement

A student may **not** be exempt from a final exam if they attended ISS, OSS, DAEP, or JJAEP during the semester of the final exam.

Fines and Fees Requirement

A student must have cleared, all fines, fees, fundraising, textbooks, library books, library fees, uniforms, etc. by December 3 for the Fall semester and May 6 for the Spring semester to be exempted from the final exam.