

# WSFCS 9-12 Exam and Exemptions Policy

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A final/semester exam will be given in all non-EOC courses in mathematics, English, science, social studies and foreign languages for grades 9-12 in all high schools. There shall be an end-of-course assessment in each elective course as determined by the appropriate department in each school.

Exams/Assessment will count twenty percent (20%) of the final semester grade.

Where state end-of-course tests or North Carolina Final Exams are available, they shall be the final examination. EOC tests for the NC Final Exams will be the final exam and the test results shall count as twenty percent (20 %) of the student's final grade. There are no exemptions from state end-of-course tests, the NC Final Exams, or CTE post assessments.

**In non-state end-of-course exam classes only**, students in grades 9-12 may be exempted from the final exam in a one-unit of credit semester block course, a two-unit of credit year-long block course, or a one-unit year long course with

- a grade of "A" and no more than five (5) absences during the school year
- a grade of "B" and not more than three (3) absences during the school year
- a grade of "C" and zero (0) absences during the school year.

In a half-unit semester course, students may be exempt from the final exam with:

- a grade of "A" and no more than two (2) absences during the semester
- a grade of "B" and no more than (1) absence during the semester
- a grade of "C" and zero (0) absences during the semester.

All students shall be permitted and encouraged to take examinations, even if they are eligible for examination exemptions. If a student qualifies for an exemption, the student shall have the option of taking the examination and counting or not counting the examination grade in the final course average.

Unless a student meets the exam exemption criteria, he or she must take the exam in order to get credit for the course.

Students will be allowed up to three (3) absences due to a death in the immediate family, a religious holiday, or a college scholarship interview. These absences will not be considered in determining eligibility for examination exemption. Students must provide a copy of the written invitation to the scholarship interview and proof of attendance in order for this provision to apply to such absence.

With administrative approval, missed exams should be made up within ten (10) school days after the end of the reporting period.