



# PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL

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## PHS 2020-2021 Semester II Final Exam Information

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Finals**

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Period Finals**

**Final Average 80 or above:** Students who have a final average of 80 or higher in a class have the option of exempting the final exam. If a student chooses not to take their finals, their absence(s) on the final exam day(s) will be marked as “exempt”.

**Final Average below 80:** Students who have an average below 80 are encouraged to take their final(s) in an effort to help raise their grade. These finals will count 20% if they score higher than their average, thus resulting in a benefit to the student's grade. If the student scores lower on the final than their class average, the final exam score will not be applied.

**Scenario #1:** Student qualifies for exemption (final average is 80+) and chooses to keep their class average as their final average. Student is not required to come in and take their final for that class. Student will be marked “Exempt” for final exam class(es).

**Scenario #2:** Student qualifies for exemption (final average is 80+), but chooses to take the final exam for an opportunity to improve their final average. If the student scores higher on their final exam than their class average, the final exam will be counted as 20% of their final grade. If they score lower than their class average, it will not negatively affect their final average.

**Scenario #3:** Student does not qualify for exemption (final average is below an 80) and the student is present to take their final. If the student scores higher on their final exam than their class average, the final exam will be counted as 20% of their final grade. If they score lower than their class average, it will not negatively affect their final average.

**Scenario #4:** Student does not qualify for exemption (final average is below 80), but does not show to take the final. Any student who does not show up to take the final and is not considered exempt will receive an unexcused absence for any class(es) that they do not attend.

Each student has four classes. Each class is independent and has their own grading system. Students will know where they stand in each class by Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. If a student had an EOC, the scores may not be back yet. These scores will be applied as 20% if the score raises the final average, and 0.01% if the score lowers their final average.

*\*Disclaimer: Regardless of exemption status, students who are court-ordered or otherwise legally obligated to be in attendance are responsible for working with their respective agency to determine attendance expectations. PHS does not guarantee “exempt” status to count as “present” for legal attendance requirements.*

**\*\*Any student who is caught cheating on a final exam will receive a score of zero, which will count 20% of their final average for the class.**

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### Permission to Checkout

#### Permission form to checkout

***Wednesday, May 19th and/or Thursday, May 20th, 2021***

**AFTER completing Final Exams**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Period Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

We will be giving two final exams each day on Wednesday, May 19th and Thursday, May 20th. In order to be eligible for early release days, the student must have turned in all of his or her class assignments. On these two days, **students may check out after exams (11:00 AM)** with a parent signature, and they will be counted present. Buses will run at their regularly scheduled time (2:45 PM).

***All students remaining on campus must be in their assigned classroom during the school day unless authorized to do otherwise.***

By signing this document, you are giving your son/daughter permission to check out after exams at 11:00 AM. Please check which days you are allowing your student to check out early:

**Wednesday**\_\_\_\_\_, and/or **Thursday**\_\_\_\_\_.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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CONTACT #

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Return this form to your 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher no later than**  
**Wednesday, May 19th, 2021**