

Fall Semester Exam Dates 2019-20

Friday, January 10

1st period review 8:50 to 10:20

Monday, January 13

8:50 – 12:50 1st period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2nd period review

Tuesday, January 14

8:50 – 12:50 2nd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3rd period review

Wednesday, January 15

8:50 – 12:50 3rd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4th period review

Thursday, January 16

8:50 – 12:50 4th period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 community building activity for those students that remain at school

Friday, January 17 is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.

Exam Study Tips:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 8:50 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

- Create a study calendar and stick to it
- Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!
- Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course
- Attend all review sessions offered
- Go to tutoring for extra support
- Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic
- Have your parents ask you questions
- Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review
- Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words
- Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help
- Stay after school to study – let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study
- Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information
- Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information
- Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts
- Practice math problems

Type of Exams: We have four types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, NC Finals, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

Exam Exemptions for Teacher Made Exams ONLY:

High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- The student has an average of **90** or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than **2 unexcused absences** in the class; or
- The student has an average of **80** or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than **1 unexcused absence** in the class.

Attendance: Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **January 17** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

Testing Window: All exam testing must be completed between January 13 and January 17. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window time-frame.

Score Results: All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students so that they study.

Exam review: All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

Academic Integrity: Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions. If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.