

NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Final Examination Exemption

North Reading High School recognizes academic achievement, honors hard work, and rewards excellence in scholastic performance. As such, effective for the Class of 2022 and the Class of 2023, a two-year pilot program is enacted with respect to instituting a final examination exemption for eligible senior students.

Final Examination Exemption Criteria

Eligible senior students shall:

- have earned a 93.0% average or higher (without rounding and as calculated by the teacher) in a class and thus are eligible to be exempted from taking the final examination in that particular class.
- have accrued no more than three unexcused class absences, as per the student attendance policy, during the entire school year. For the Class of 2022, this provision applies as of October 15, 2022.
- have met the expectations for student conduct as defined in the 2021-2022 North Reading High School Handbook for Students and Parents.

In addition:

- Eligibility for senior final examination exemption will be determined by the designated Calculation Day (May 18 for the 2021-2022 school year). Calculation Day is intentionally scheduled before exam week and approximately two weeks prior to the end of Quarter 4; as such, assignments may still be issued by a teacher and counted toward the Quarter 4 grade, but not included in the examination exemption calculation.
- The final student course grade will be determined without a final examination score and therefore calculated solely using the accumulated scores.
- Senior students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes are required to take the AP exam as previously determined. Any exemption would only apply to the school-based final exam.
- Senior students enrolled in Co-operative Work Experience or Senior Internship courses are required to take the final examination. These courses do not qualify for the exemption.
- Inherent in the above, North Reading High School remains a closed campus. Senior students, once on campus, shall remain on campus until they have been dismissed for the day. The Senior Examination Schedule reflects two examination periods and two class periods per day. Exemptions are for examination blocks only; senior students must attend regularly scheduled class periods. Senior students that are exempt from an examination should arrive to school no later than ten minutes prior their next required class/examination period.
- Senior students exempt from an examination period once on campus must access designated areas as determined by school administrators for either quiet or group study. (i.e. the high school cafeteria; the Media Center).
- Parents will be notified via email by school administrators if their child is exempt from a final examination(s). As such, it is understood that parents are aware of the guidelines and expectations of the Senior Final Examination Exemption protocols.

All decisions regarding the Senior Final Examination Exemption provisions are subject to the approval of the school administration and are not subject to appeal.