

EXEMPTION POLICY (High School Campus Only)

One of the campus goals at Port Neches-Groves High School is to improve attendance since regular attendance promotes more effective teaching and learning. Teachers are better able to maintain instructional focus and a positive learning atmosphere within the classroom when students are regular in attendance. A minimum of time has to be devoted to re-teaching and making up work and tests.-The semester exam is weighted at one-seventh of the semester grade.

This plan will ensure that students have opportunities for positive reinforcement for good attendance. Care was exercised to set eligibility criteria within the reach of all students.

1. A student must have a grade of 80 or above in the course for which he/she is seeking an exemption.
2. A student must not have missed more than two (2) classes for the semester in the course for which he/she is seeking an exam exemption. This includes the first days of a semester when a student may not have been enrolled in school. Absences are counted up to the day of the exam. School-related absences do not count for purposes of this rule. Teacher records of class attendance will be the final authority. (Exception: If a student has an absence coded as an Covid-19 Absence by PNGISD, then these absences will be excused in regards to the students final exams.)
3. Students may have no more than three (3) tardies per class for the semester.
4. An exemption for a semester exam is not granted if during the semester the student serves any time in the Alternative School, a full day in ISS, receives any out of school suspension or expulsion, or fails to clear obligations such as library fines, textbook responsibilities, ect.
5. An exemption for a semester exam is not granted in any class in which the student received a "U" in conduct for any of the three six-week grading periods.
6. Juniors and seniors meeting these criteria may earn semester exam exemption in all courses they are taking.
7. Freshmen and sophomores meeting these criteria may earn exemption in three of the courses they are taking. Freshmen and sophomores may not be exempt from the same exams both semesters.
8. A student who qualifies for an exemption has the option to take the final exam, and the grade received on that exam by the qualified student will be computed in the final semester average only if the exam grade improves the semester average. The numerical average for the three six-week periods will be the semester grade if the student is exempt and does not take a semester exam. Students are not required to be on campus during an exempted exam period.