

ARHS Senior Exam Exemption 2014

The senior exam exemption is designed to encourage students to stay academically focused during their last trimester at ARHS. Students who meet the criteria below will be exempted from taking final exams during the spring term. The exemption **does not pertain to final projects, papers or other assessments**. The eligibility criteria for senior exam exemption will also be modified in accordance with any specific IEP or 504 stipulations.

To be exempt from final exams, ALL of the following must apply:

1. The student must have an average of B minus (or higher) in the designated class as of **Friday, May 16, 2014**.
2. The student must have no more than six (6) total absences in the designated class as of **Friday, May 16, 2014**. This limit applies only to the third trimester.

- Absences that DO NOT count towards this total are absences that come at the request of the school. These are limited to: participation in AP exams, MCAS testing, school-sponsored foreign exchange trips, school-sponsored field trips, and participation in school-sponsored athletic events.
- All other absences count towards the limit of 6. If more than 6 days are missed—regardless of the reason—the student will not be eligible for the exemption.

3. The student must have NO unexcused absences. (An unexcused absence in **one** class will disqualify the student from the exam exemption in **all** classes).

- For an absence to be considered excused, a parent or guardian must call the school (362-1718) *on the same day as the absence* or submit a note to the main office *within 48 hours of the student's return to school*.
- Late notes or phone calls will not be accepted. Please do not expect a note submitted in May to excuse absences in March or April. There are no exceptions to this rule.

4. The student must serve all unfulfilled detentions by **Friday, May 16th**. (Unfulfilled detentions that are not served by this date will disqualify the student from the exam exemption in **all** classes).

Please note:

- To avoid any last-minute surprises, students are encouraged to use the Powerschool portal to monitor their attendance throughout the trimester.
- Exam exemption is optional for seniors. If a student meets the above criteria for eligibility, he or she is still allowed to take the final exam if it is advantageous to do so.
- The grade calculated on Friday, May 16 is **NOT** a final grade. It simply determines eligibility for this exemption. A student's grade may drop below a B minus after this date.
- Each tardy is 1/3 of an absence. Tardies will be added to the absence totals, and excessive tardies will affect a student's eligibility for this exemption.
- **Disciplinary infractions** may affect a student's eligibility for this exemption.
- Seniors are required to attend **all** classes through **May 30, 2014**.