

Frequently Asked Questions about the Final Exam Exemption Incentive

How do I qualify to be exempt from my final exams?

- Student has an A (90% or greater) in the course **AND**
- Teacher is giving a final exam **AND**
- Teacher is participating in the exemption incentive **AND**
- Student has no major discipline for the semester (i.e. no more than 4 detentions, no Saturday Campus detentions, and no ISS or OSS during the semester of the requested exemption). This includes discipline issued from another building.

Do I have to be here for final exams if I am exempting?

- **NO:** But **ONLY IF** you have submitted your parent/guardian-signed Travel/Off Campus Permission Form prior to the **deadline of January 5th by 3:00pm.**
- **YES:** If you have not submitted your parent/guardian-signed travel/off campus form prior to the deadline.

Do the absences count against A+ status?

No, as long as SCW gives you permission, the absence will not count against A+.

If I am exempt from a morning/afternoon final but have to take the other final, when do I have to report to school?

Students will need to be in attendance for their final exam and any subsequent classes which may not be eligible for exemption. Students may choose (with parent permission) to not attend the scheduled review session and/or AIP on the day of an AM exemption. Students may choose (with parent permission) to not attend the scheduled review session following an PM final exemption. Students exempting the final but remaining in the building should report to their normal class location. For students qualifying for an exemption, please use the chart below when determining whether attendance is required. ***Again, in order for a student to be absent when exempting a final, a parent/guardian-signed Travel/Off Campus Permission form must be submitted by the deadline in advance of the start of finals.***

Exam Schedule	If Exempting the AM Final for that Day	If Exempting the PM Final for that Day	If Exempting Both AM/PM Finals for that Day
AM Final Exam	May be absent	Must attend school	May be absent
AM Review Block	May be absent	Must attend school	May be absent
AIP	May be absent	Must attend school	May be absent
PM Final Exam	Must attend school	May be absent	May be absent
PM Review Block	Must attend school	May be absent	May be absent

Do I have to be in attendance for teacher aide, office aide, and academic lab?

YES. Teacher aide, office aide, and academic lab classes do not have final exams so these courses do not qualify under the final exam exemption incentive. Students will be expected to be in class. *A parent can call to excuse the absence during that specific block, but the absence will count against the attendance percentage for A+ and future attendance incentives. Students are cautioned to be sure of their attendance status before choosing this option.*

If I am exempted from a final can I go to my SAMS class for that time? Yes, but **you must obtain prior permission** from the SAMS teacher Mrs. Spies.

If I am exempted from the Block 2 final, do I have to attend the Block 2 review period that is scheduled on a different final exam day?

YES, unless the student is exempted from a final on that Block 2 review day. In other words students must be in attendance on the final exam day unless they are exempted from one of the two scheduled finals on that day. **See chart for reference.**

If my teacher is giving an alternative assessment for a final or tells me I don't have to take the final, but I don't qualify for the final exam exemption incentive, do I have to be at school?

YES! The student has not met the set criteria to be excused from attendance.

What is the procedure for signing in and out?

Students will follow the normal sign in and out procedures through the attendance office.