

Broward County Public Schools

Middle School Exam Exemption for High School Courses

Student Name: _____ **Student Number:** _____ **Grade:** _____

As per *School Board Policy 6000.1*, middle grades students who earn a grade of a “B” or better in both quarters of a high school course may be exempt from the midterm and/or final exams in that course under the following criteria:

- (1) All students will be eligible to waive one-half of their total midterms or final exams.
- (2) AP/IB/AICE midterms cannot be exempted (the student may exempt the final exam). Teachers are encouraged to give an alternate assessment in lieu of a traditional final.
- (3) The statewide, standardized End of Course (EOC) assessments, required by statute, are not eligible for exemption. EOC midterms ARE eligible for an Exam Exemption.
- (4) BVS/FLVS courses are not eligible for exemption.
- (5) All exam exemptions require parent permission.

Students: Please choose your exam exemptions wisely. If you have chosen to exempt an exam, but your current quarter grade falls below a “B”, **it is your responsibility** to then study for and be present for the exam. You would no longer be able to exempt the exam. It is the responsibility of the student to:

- 1.) Obtain Teacher, Parent and Student signatures on the Exam Exemption Form.
- 2.) Turn in the Exam Exemption Form by _____.
- 3.) Verify with each teacher that you are still approved to exempt his/her exam and that your grade for the current quarter has not fallen below a “B”. Reminder, if your grade does fall below a “B”, you must take the exam.
- 4.) **Only ONE Exam Exemption Form can be turned in.**

Parents: Exempting an exam is a reward for satisfactory or better academic progress. It is widely recognized that students can benefit from the study skills practiced when preparing for semester exams similar to those used in post-secondary schools. Students who choose to exempt their exams may forgo the opportunity to improve their semester grades by taking their exams and earning higher grades. Even when eligible, students have the option not to use the exam exemption.

- The student is responsible for the return of this form as required by administration.
- No exam exemptions will be granted without the required form being completed, signed, and turned in before the deadline.
- Students are reminded that they can only exempt a maximum of one-half of their exams per semester.
- Students should be aware that if their grade falls below a “B” prior to the midterm or final exam, they would be required to take the exam for that course.
- Failure to abide by this policy will result in the student having to take the exams for all classes.

Teachers: Verify that the student has an “A” or “B+” or “B” for both quarters. Please see the chart below and complete the necessary information. Keep a record of all students who choose to exempt your exam. **You will need to use the chart below to enter an exam grade in Pinnacle for any student who exempts your exam.** IF a student’s grade for the current quarter FALLS BELOW a “B”, the student must take the midterm/final exam. It is the student’s responsibility to keep up with their current quarter grade. Review grades with your students prior to the exam.

	Class Period	Subject	1 st /3 rd Quarter Grade	2 nd /4 th Quarter Grade	*Exempted Exam Grade (see chart below)	Teacher Signature
Exam Exemption # 1						
Exam Exemption # 2						
Exam Exemption # 3						

1 st /3 rd Quarter Grade	2 nd /4 th Quarter Grade	*Exempted Exam Grade (with exemption applied) This grade must be entered in Pinnacle Gradebook for the Semester Exam	**Final Semester Grade (with exemption applied)
A	A	A	A
A	B+	B+	B+
A	B	B+	B+
B+	A	B+	B+
B+	B+	B+	B+
B+	B	B	B
B	A	B+	B+
B	B+	B	B
B	B	B	B

* Students in grades 6-8 taking high school EOC assessment courses (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Biology or U.S. History) will not need to exempt the FINAL Exam, as there is no FINAL Exam for those courses. Students will take the EOC assessment in lieu of a Final Exam. The statewide, standardized EOC assessment cannot be exempted.

**Students in grades 6-8 taking high school EOC assessment courses (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Biology or U.S. History) do not get issued a semester grade in those courses. A final grade in the EOC course will be issued at the end of the year.

STUDENT Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(Print) Parent Name: _____