# NEW WAIVER INTENT TO APPLY FORM

School: _South Broward High_____ Principal: __Olayemi Awofadeju_____ Date: __10/29/2018__

Cadre Director: _Michael Ramirez_____ SAC Chair(s): _Veranice Smith & Duane Consbruck_____

- **Policy or contract article to be waived:**

*Course Grade Exam Exemption: Starting with the 2014-2015 school year, students in grades 9-12 who earn a grade of B*

- **Brief description of waiver request:**

*Course Grade Exam Exemption: Starting with the 2019-2020 school year, students in grades 9-12 who earn a grade of "B" or better in a particular course may be exempt from the mid-term and/or final exams in that course under the following criteria: In 4x4 block-scheduled schools, a student may exempt up to 2 mid-terms and 2 final exams in a school semester. In schools on a 6 or 7 period schedule, or an A/B block, a student may exempt up to 3 mid-terms and 3 finals in a school year. All mid-term and final exam exemptions require parent permission. For AP courses mid-terms may not be exempted. Teachers may give an alternative assessment in lieu of a final. Dual-enrollment, IB, and AICE mid-terms and finals may NOT be exempted.*

- **Rationale for Waiver Request:**

*SBHS recognizes the value of all students participating in the mid-term and final exam experiences. South Broward HS believes that all students should take midterms and finals for the following reasons: 1. Exams are a crucial experience for the college bound students as these exams mirror cumulative college end-of-year exams, 2. Mid-terms and finals are critical for training students in developing and maintaining testing stamina and retaining cumulative information, and 3. Mid-terms and final exams are the only administratively approved exams in regards to structure and format. 4. This waiver will support school improvement by giving students mid-term formative feedback/data from which to improve their achievement before end-of course assessment and before articulating into the next level of courses within subject areas. Students clearly understand that they must master certain benchmarks of the Sunshine State Standards in every course they take; mid-term exams help them see how close or far away they are from achieving mastery of the standards; final exams give specific data on how prepared they are for the next level of courses or how and in which standards they need to remediate in order to be prepared for following courses.*

_____     __11/2/2018__
Signature of Principal                                                                          Date

_____     __10-29-2018__
Signature of SAC Chair(s)                                                                      Date

- **District Response**

_____ Waiver is supported to continue with process.

_____ Waiver is not supported to move forward.

School Improvement Coordinator: _____     Date: _____