

# LHHS '17-'18 SEMESTER EXAM EXEMPTION CRITERIA

The purpose of the exemption policy is to promote high academic achievement, good attendance habits, and citizenship. Grades, attendance and discipline records will be utilized as the criteria for determining a student's eligibility for exemption.

Students will be required to attend class on test days. Any class not attended on test day will result in an absence in that class.

Students can only be exempt once in any one class in a school year. One semester electives, may not be exempted. Exemptions are determined on a per class basis.

Students must be free and clear of any outstanding obligation such as class dues, library fines, textbooks, fees, etc.

➤ **General information** for exemptions:

- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade may exempt two (2) exams per semester.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade may exempt three (3) exams per semester.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade may exempt four (4) exams per semester. Seniors may exempt Government or Economics the first semester and Economics or Government the second semester if they have maintained an 80+ average and perfect attendance for the semester.
- If you are granted an exemption and choose to take the final, the grade will stand.

➤ **Attendance** guidelines for exempting a class semester exam:

- 90 Average – no more than 3 absences (This includes an all-day medical notes)
- 80 to 89 average - no more than 2 absences (This includes an all-day medical notes)
- Students who accumulate 4 or more tardies in on one class, lose the exemption for that class. (Tardies may not be worked off to exempt)
- Students who accumulate 8 or more tardies in a semester lose all exemptions. Students must meet the 90% rule in ALL classes to be eligible to request an exam exemption.

➤ **Discipline** guidelines for exemptions:

- Any student receiving two (2) discipline **referrals** in a semester will lose exemptions in **ALL** classes.
- Any school **suspension** will automatically cause students to lose all their exemptions (this includes ISS/ OSS or placement in the DAEP Center).
- A student **skipping** in any one class will lose their exemption in that class. Any student found to be skipping any class (including advisory) a second time will not be allowed to exempt any of their classes.

➤ **Additional exemption guidelines for Spring semester:**

- Students taking an AP course may be allowed to exempt from their end-of-year final exam if they take the AP national exam and have 80 in the class for the semester. The only way to exempt an exam in an AP course in the Spring Semester is by taking the AP exam even if the student has perfect attendance.
- All students with perfect attendance for the year (with the exception of five half-day medical reasons each semester) and a passing average of 80 or above both in the fall and spring semester, may exempt all spring semester exams and long as they meet the discipline and tardy guidelines listed above.