

## SPRING SEMESTER EXAM EXEMPTION CRITERIA 2026

Criteria	9th and 10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
Discipline	No removals to DAEP/JJAEP during the current school year.	No removals to DAEP/JJAEP during the current school year.	No removals to DAEP/JJAEP during the current school year.
Fines/Fees	No outstanding fines or fees.	No outstanding fines or fees.	No outstanding fines or fees.
Attendance	<p><i>No more than 4 absences for the semester, 3 tardies equal 1 absence for exemption purposes. The following recorded absences do not count as one of the 8 absences a student is allowed for exam exemptions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Present but not in class (example: in the counselor's office during the period).</i></li> <li>• <i>School-sponsored curricular activity and/or extra-curricular activity.</i></li> <li>• <i>UIL activity</i></li> </ul>		
Grades	Must have a semester average of 80 or above for the spring semester in the course eligible for exemption.	Must have a semester average of 80 or above for the spring semester in the course eligible for exemption.	Must have a semester average of 80 or above for the spring semester in the course eligible for exemption.
State Testing*	Must have met minimum standard on the EOC exam for the course eligible for exemption.	Must have met minimum standard on the EOC exam for the course eligible for exemption.	Must have met minimum standard on the EOC exam for the course eligible for exemption.
Exemptions	Eligible for 3 exemptions in core courses only. (Math, Science, ELA, or Social Studies)	Eligible for 4 exemptions in core courses only. (Math, Science, ELA, or Social Studies)	Eligible for exemptions in ALL courses.
Test Days	Students must attend class during exam exemptions to receive exemptions.	Students must attend class, or all required activities during exam exemptions to receive exemptions.	Students must attend class, or all required activities during exam exemptions to receive exemptions.

\*If EOC scores are not received from TEA prior to the start of spring semester final exams or online students determine not to participate in EOC/STAAR testing per 2022 TEA guidelines, then the exemption criteria will only be based on the other criteria.