

ATTENDANCE/ACADEMIC INCENTIVE PLAN

Students who maintain high attendance standards and or high academic standards may have the option to be exempt from their final exams.

Here are the steps for your exemption status:

Perfect attendance – no tardies, no individual class absences, no leaving and coming back for an appointment, no leaving at 2:00 at the end of the day, and no day long absences. You are here every day, all year long, from start to finish. School related functions – i.e. field trips, early placement, competitions – will not count against this policy. Attain this status and you may exempt yourself from all final exams with the exception of web exams and program/lab exams.

1 Day will be given for a college **OR** military visit (must be verified).

1 Day will be given for the funeral of an immediate family member (mom, dad, sibling, aunt, uncle or a grandparent) and must be verified.

Not so perfect attendance - We realize that something may come up and you may have to miss a day, be tardy, dr. appointment, etc. That's ok, there is an option for you too. By having only up to three EXCUSED absences, or tardies, or class absences, you may exempt yourself from 1 final exam not to include web exams and program/lab exams.

STUDENTS MUST HAVE PASSED EVERY PRIOR NINE WEEK GRADING PERIOD FOR BOTH OPTIONS.

It's OK to be absent when needed as long as they are excused. Here is a list of reasons that the state of Ohio deems excusable and are followed by R. G. Drage.

- Personal illness
- Illness of family member that would require students presence at home (dr. verification needed)
- Quarantine at home (verified)
- Medical, dental, or legal appointment (with verification)
- Death of a relative (mom, dad, sibling, grandparent – limited to three total days absence)
- Observance of a religious holiday (verified)
- College/military visit(only one per year and verified/set up through the guidance office).
- Other emergencies/circumstances which constitute good and sufficient cause as determined by the school administration

These are reasons that will be counted as unexcused.

- Car trouble (other than being in an accident)
- Sleeping
- Missed the bus
- Traffic jams, road conditions, construction
- Staying out of school an unnecessary length of time because of a doctor's appointment
- Job interview (unless set up by the school)
- Driving school
- Baby sitting
- Running errands for family
- Hair cut or appointment
- Senior pictures
- No ride
- Anything else not listed in the excused list

When reporting a child off from school, call the school on day of absence and send a note with the child when they return to school. (You have three days to get the note in.) **If a note is not turned in, whether a phone call is made or not, the absence will be counted as unexcused.**

So far, you've been given the attendance standards for exam exemption status. There is still one other way to be exempt from an exam. By attaining a 4.0 GPA for the whole year in any one class, you may eligible to be exempt from that class' final exam. So, if you are not exempt through good attendance, grades can also help you to gain exemption status.

IF YOU EVER HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS, ASK SOMEONE IN THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE (I.E. ATTENDANCE SECRETARY) OR THE SUPERVISOR OF STUDENT MANAGEMENT.

DISCLAIMER

This is a bonus program designed by R. G. Drage to help stress the importance of good attendance and good grades. There are no laws, board policies, or any other rules that state that these programs must be put in place. It is simply a reward system used to encourage everyone to do their best.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE, PLEASE SEE A SUPERVISOR OR THE ATTENDANCE SECRETARY.