

Exam Incentive for Good Attendance
2019-2020

Students in grades **9-12** may *choose to opt out* of their semester exams if the following criteria are met:

- no more than **5 absences** (EXC or UNV) **in any class** during the current semester
- no more than **4 tardies in any class** during the current semester
- no suspensions (*in school or out of school*) during the current semester
- minimum grade of 77% in the class **or** minimum grade of 65% **AND** no missing assignments or assessments in the class
- parent signature required for exam opt out option

Points of Clarification:

- Students who qualify for the final exam incentive will still have the option of taking the final exam; the grade will be calculated into the semester grade *if it improves the final grade*. Students who choose to take the exam even though they qualify for the incentive will *not* have their grades lowered due to the exam.
- Students that have more than 5 absences in ANY class lose the exam incentive for ALL classes in their schedule.
- 3 tardies equal 1 unexcused absence.
- The deadline for fulfilling criterion of minimum grades (77% or 65% and no missing assignments) is 5 school days prior to the end of the semester or teacher discretion.
- Minimum grades required are based on the calculation of the two card marking period grades (%) combined 50% each.
- Late work policies for each class, *for the purpose of meeting the exemption requirement*, will be established by teachers and clearly communicated to students at the beginning of each semester.
- Disqualification due to suspension can take place up to and including exam days.
- Parents/guardians should still call the attendance line in order to excuse absences.
- MED (those excused with a doctor's note) and ACT (absences for school business such as field trips or athletic absences) will *not* count toward the five absences. All other absences are counted the same, regardless of reason. There will not be a review or appeal process to qualify for the incentive.

- Students are tardy if they arrive within 30 minutes after the start of class.
Students are absent if they arrive after 30 minutes or more of the class.