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TO: High School Principals
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VIA: Area Superintendents
SUBJECT: **EXAM EXEMPTIONS**



At the February 3, 2009 School Board meeting revisions to School Board Policy 6000.1 were adopted in a final reading. Language was added to the policy requiring schools to allow for both mid-term and final exam exemptions for students in grades 9-12 as follows:

Starting with the 2009-2010 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 a 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.

This means that no waiver is needed for mid-term or final exam exemptions if the criteria stated above are met.

If you have any questions, please call Rise Yvelson, Coordinator, A++/NCLB, at 754-321-1891. Thank you.

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