

## HIGH SCHOOL EXAM EXEMPTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Mid-term and Final Exams will be given in each high school course. To encourage scholarship, good attendance, and good behavior students may earn the opportunity to participate in an exemption incentive based on scholarship (to include assessment performance and semester averages), attendance\* (\*calculation to include tardies to school and class), and conduct. (Calculations in each area are measured by semester.)

### **SCHOLARSHIP AND ATTENDANCE:**

To be eligible for participation in the exam exemption incentive from a mid-term or final exam a student must meet the following assessment, grade, and attendance standards.

### **ASSESSMENT STANDARD:**

A student who has passed all of the required HSA exams and has completed all of the required PARCC assessments needed for graduation, will be eligible for participation in the exam exemption incentive program, provided all other criteria have been met.

### **GRADE AND ATTENDANCE STANDARD:**

A student meeting the grade and attendance standard as noted in this section will be eligible for participation in the exam exemption incentive, provided all other criteria are met.

SEMESTER AVERAGE*	MAXIMUM DAYS ABSENT**
A	4 days absent – Excused or Unexcused
B	3 days absent – Excused or Unexcused
C	2 days absent – Excused or Unexcused

\*Semester Average calculated by averaging the letter grade of the two term grades and then rounding down in accordance with the county grading policy. (Example: A “B” is worth 3 grade points and a “C” is worth 2 grade points so the average is a 2.5. Round down and the semester average would be a C)

*Note: An E in either marking term will disqualify the student from exam exemption*

\*\*Days absent will be determined by official school attendance, not class attendance. Half days are rounded up

Each set of any three referred incidents of tardiness beyond the third incident will equate to a single day of absence for this calculation. (Example: A student having 1 day of absence and having been referred for tardiness 6 times will be considered for participation in this incentive program as a student having 3 days of absence.)

### **CONDUCT STANDARD:**

A student with one or more days of out of school suspension during the semester will not be eligible for participation in the exam exemption incentive and will be required to take exams regardless of HSA performance, grades or attendance.