

## EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY AND ELIGIBILITY

An exam exemption is an attendance incentive for students who have near perfect attendance each semester.

A student may request to be exempt from no more than one final assessment/examination per semester provided the student has completed all major assessment components and meets the criteria listed below:

**For a student to qualify for an exam exemption, the student must not accumulate any more than:**

- 6 excused absences in any course in which the student is enrolled within any one semester
- 6 lates in any course in which the student is enrolled within any one semester
- 0 unexcused absences in any class
- 0 out-of-school suspensions (dating back to the beginning of the semester)
- **Be in good academic standing in every class**

### **What does “good academic standing” mean?**

This typically means that you have completed all of your major assignments and tests. All of your teachers must be in agreement if you are to obtain an exemption.

Therefore, your teachers will be the people who determine if you are in good academic standing – if you have not submitted a major assignment or project, or if you have skipped a test, then you have lost your exam exemption.

If you don't know if you have an 'unexcused' or 'late', then log into PowerSchool and view your attendance records. If you require a PowerSchool account, please email [lowea@hrsb.ns.ca](mailto:lowea@hrsb.ns.ca) to receive a login.

### **What exams cannot be exempt?**

- NSVS Exams
- Students cannot exempt the Grade 12 common exams. We will follow the same expectations as if these were provincial exams
- IB Exams and Pre IB Exams cannot be exempt
- Process Exams cannot be exempt
- Grade 10 Math and Grade 10 English cannot be exempt (see list below)

| Course                        | Exemptible | Non-Exemptible |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>Math Essentials 10</b>     | <b>x</b>   |                |
| <b>Mathematics at Work 10</b> |            | <b>x</b>       |

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| <b>Mathematics 10</b>                   |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Math Essentials 11</b>               | <b>x</b> |          |
| <b>Mathematics at Work 11</b>           |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Mathematics 11</b>                   |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Pre-Calculus 11</b>                  |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Math for the Workplace 12</b>        | <b>x</b> |          |
| <b>Mathematics 12</b>                   |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Pre-Calculus 12</b>                  |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Calculus 12</b>                      |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>English 10</b>                       |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>English 11</b>                       |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>English Communications 11</b>        |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>English 12</b>                       |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>English 12: African Heritage Lit</b> |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Advanced English 12</b>              |          | <b>x</b> |
| <b>English Communications 12</b>        |          | <b>x</b> |