

NEDERLAND HIGH SCHOOL EXEMPTION POLICY

The NHS Exemption Policy is designed to increase high achievement, improve regular attendance, and promote student awareness of personal responsibility and behavior.

Every student, in grades 9-12, has an opportunity to earn eight exemptions per semester. Students may earn exemptions for the following:

1. Perfect attendance for the 1st six weeks for all classes (see exceptions below) - *Everyone qualifies for this exemption.*
2. Perfect attendance for the 2nd six weeks for all classes (see exceptions below) - *Effective 10/11/2021*
3. Perfect attendance for the 3rd six weeks for all classes (see exceptions below)
4. No tardies for the 1st 6 weeks for all classes - *Everyone qualifies for this exemption.*
5. No tardies for the 2nd 6 weeks for all classes - *Effective 10/11/2021*
6. No tardies for the 3rd 6 weeks for all classes
- 7 & 8. No discipline that results in OCS or DAEP for the semester. (Students will earn either 2 or 0 exemptions for this criteria.) - *Effective 10/11/2021*

** Students will not be able to use an earned exemption in any class where the student has a semester average below 75 or in any class where the student has 3 or more unexcused absences for the semester.

** Students must have a passing grade in the current six-weeks to use an exemption for that exam.

** For double-blocked classes meeting every day, two exemptions would be needed to opt out of that exam.

** If a student does not earn all 8 exemptions, he/she may choose which exams they will take. A form will be distributed to all students prior to the day of exams outlining the number of exemptions earned and how to denote the test (s) they will be taking.

All absences (excused or unexcused), including illness, count in the exemption policy, with the following exceptions:

- College Day visits with NHS verification form

- Religious Holidays
- Partial-day medical and dental appointments with documentation from a physician
- Absences of up to two days due to funerals of immediate family members (with proper documentation)
- Absences for school-sponsored student activities

Any student that qualifies for an exemption has the option to take a semester exam without fear of lowering their final average. The numerical average for the three-six week periods will be the semester grade if the student is exempt and does not take a semester exam.

Students who are exempt from taking exams will be released from school for the second half of the day during exams. Example: Students who are exempt from taking final exams must be in attendance at school the first half of the exam day. Although exempt students must be in school and in class the first half of the day, these students do not have to take the semester exams. Students who are not exempt from exams must be in class and take exams.

The semester exam will count 20% of the last six weeks grade per semester.

The exam will be a comprehensive semester test.

Any non-exempt student who does not take an exam will receive a no credit grade for the exam and a discipline referral. Pre-approved, excused absences are the only exception to this rule.