

## TAKS Exemptions (*Final Exam exemptions as a result of TAKS performance*)

### Grades 9 – 10:

Freshmen and Sophomore students may be exempt from the Spring semester final examination for each core subject tested by the TAKS by meeting the standard for the corresponding TAKS test and adhering to the following grade, attendance, and discipline criteria in the Spring semester:

1. Spring semester grade of 90 or above with no more than three (3) absences, or
2. Spring semester grade of 80 or above with no more than two (2) absences, or
3. Spring semester grade of 75-79 with no more than 1 absence
4. No conduct grade lower than Satisfactory (S)
5. No discipline referrals in the Spring semester from the class of exemption (other than tardy)
6. No in-school or out-of-school suspension assignments
7. No outstanding fines or detentions

All absences with the exception of official school business, approved college visit days, death in family, and religious holy days will count (excused and unexcused).

Three (3) tardies in a specific class during the Spring semester count as one (1) absence for exemption purposes.

Students concurrently enrolled in two (2) or more courses in the same core subject area may only be exempt from the grade level course in which the TAKS test was taken.

### Grade 11:

Juniors may be exempt from the Spring semester final examination for each core subject tested by the TAKS by meeting the standard for the corresponding Exit Level TAKS test and adhering to the following grade, and attendance criteria in the Spring semester:

1. Spring semester grade of 90 or above with no more than three (3) absences, or
2. Spring semester grade of 80 or above with no more than two (2) absences, or
3. Spring semester grade of 75-79 with no more than 1 absence
4. No conduct grade lower than Satisfactory (S)
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## *Appendix: Effective Communication with Parents/Guardians*

Communicating with parents/guardians is one of the most important responsibilities of teachers. Conferences provide an arena for collecting developmental and personal information from parents/guardians that may affect a student's learning, for developing rapport and encouraging parent/guardian involvement in their student's educational process, and for reporting and discussing student progress with parents/guardians. Accurate and diagnostic reports encourage parents/guardians to