

## **BHS Exemption Policy**

**2019-2020**

### **Exemptions**

In order to establish an incentive, yet maintain student academic preparation for future educational experiences, Brownwood High School offers an exemption plan designed to stimulate students to put forth their very best scholastic efforts. Also, the plan guides students to make good decisions for real-world situations that can call for punctuality and good citizenship.

***First Semester – all students (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) will take their Math and English Exam***

***Second Semester – all students (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) will take their Science and History Exam***

### **Who May Be Exempt**

Students in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade may be exempt if they meet the following attendance and grade criteria:

- 75 and Above Semester Average – One or fewer absences in an individual class
- 81 and Above Semester Average – Two or fewer absences in an individual class
- 87 and Above Semester Average – Three or fewer absences in an individual class
- 93 and Above Semester Average – Four or fewer absences in an individual class

If a student has more than 4 absences in an individual class, they will not be exempt from exam.

Discipline and Fee criteria:

- All fines and fees paid prior to exam (includes uniforms owed in Extracurricular Programs)
- DAEP Placement – lose exemptions in all classes for both semesters
- Suspension – lose exemptions in all classes for semester receiving OSS
- ISS Placement – lose exemptions in all classes for semester receiving ISS
- Spats in lieu of ISS – lose exemptions in all classes for the semester receiving spats
- BAT Placement – lose exemption in the class that BAT was assigned for semester that student served BAT assignment
- Leaving Campus without permission- lose exemptions in all classes for the semester that ISS or spats were received for leaving campus without permission (including during lunch)
- Saturday School Detention, After School / Morning / Lunch Detention – when a student receives their 5<sup>th</sup> cumulative detention assignment, students will lose exemptions in all classes for the semester receiving the 5 detention assignments. Includes spats received in lieu of the Saturday school detention, lunch detentions, or after school or morning detentions.

### **Absences Toward Exemptions**

All absences (including medical) are counted toward exam exemptions, with the exception of school related activities.

College Visits must be approved by Mr. Moore prior to being gone. College visits approved by Mr. Moore will not count against exemption status.

**Absences are based on individual class periods (i.e. each class period stands alone)**

#### **Example:**

**1<sup>st</sup> period = 5 absences**

**2<sup>nd</sup> period = 2 absences**

**1<sup>st</sup> period will not be exempt due to excessive absences;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Period will be exempt if grade is 81 or above and all discipline and fee criteria are met.**

In addition, homebound students are ineligible for exemptions due to the nature of the homebound instructional program.

#### **Exemption Ineligibility**

The principal may declare a student ineligible for exemption in all subjects for flagrant violation of school policies such as truancy or improper conduct in and around school or school activities. The student will be notified by the principal to the extent that he/she will be excluded from exemption of examinations. Any fees due the school or other outstanding obligations at the time of the examination will automatically make the student ineligible for exemption in all classes. This includes book fines, library fines, computer fines, fees, dues, etc.

#### **State Assessments**

**THERE ARE NO EXEMPTIONS FROM STATE MANDATED EOC EXAMS.**