

**SEMESTER FINAL EXEMPTION  
TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**

A student with three (3) or fewer absences in a class (including accumulated tardies) and missing not more than 2 assignments will be exempt from taking the Semester Final. Being exempt from the Final is the reward for attendance, promptness, and a strong work ethic. Students with seven (7) or more tardies in any class will not be exempt from the Semester test Final.

The idea is to raise attendance in classes by giving the student the incentive to be in class. Finals play an integral part of preparing a college-bound student for what he/she expect in college. It is not the intention of this policy to eliminate or depreciate the importance of Finals. Assessment is an all-important part of the instructional model.

**Absences**

Absences for school related activities, administrative absences (ISAT, etc.), ISS, and counselor visits **DO NOT** count towards finals.

THE FOLLOWING ABSENCES **DO** COUNT TOWARDS ATTENDANCE FINALS:

- VERIFIED ABSENCES
- UNVERIFIED ABSENCES
- MEDICAL ABSENCES
- TRUANCIES
- COURT
- ACCUMULATED TARDIES
- FUNERALS
- SUSPENSION

3 TARDIES = 1 ABSENCE

6 TARDIES = 2 ABSENCES

7 TARDIES = OVER THE LIMIT AND ARE NOT EXEMPT

In the event a student is not present during their scheduled semester final, the student will receive an incomplete (INC) for the class until the semester final is taken. Semester finals will need to be made up during the same time set for that class period and after it has been administered in class. NO early testing will be approved. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Students will not be released early from their semester final. Please keep this in mind when making vacation plans or appointments that fall on semester final days. Semester finals for the 2019-20 school year will be held on 12/19/19-12/20/19 and 5/20/20-5/21/20.

**Advanced Placement Classes:**

Teachers with advanced placement classes (AP) classes are left to their own discretion in giving Finals.

**Assessment:**

In order to form unity and congruity, a specific block of time will be created for giving assessments each semester. All classes will be required to give an assessment. Also, those students who qualify to not take the Final would still have the option to take the Final, if desired.

**Conclusion:**

The idea is to raise attendance and accountability in classes by giving the student the incentive to be in class. Being exempt from the Final is the reward for attendance, promptness, and a strong work ethic. We realize that there are times when a student will have to miss because of illness, a death in the family or an unexpected event. Unfortunately, these absences will count towards Finals. Please remember, you are not being punished if you have to take the Final.

... **A committee of students and teachers developed this policy.**