

FPMS 9 Weeks Test Exemption Parent Information

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FPMS Handbook Policy

Students who have been enrolled at FPMS the entire 9 weeks may choose to exempt the 9 weeks test in a class IF all the following requirements have been met for that specific class:

1. Has completed the scheduled MAP testing for the 9 weeks..
 - 1st 9 weeks = Beginning of the Year Test
 - 2nd 9 weeks = Does not apply
 - 3rd 9 weeks = Midyear Test
 - 4th 9 weeks = End of Year Test
2. Does not have **any unexcused absences for that class.**
3. Has one of the following in the class:
 1. **The current 9 weeks average = A and has 3 or less excused absences.**
 2. **The current 9 weeks average = B and has 2 or less excused absences.**
 3. **The current 9 weeks average = C and has 1 or less excused absence.**
4. Has had no more than one day assigned to ISS, OSS, or alternative placement during the nine weeks.

Students that are exempt do have the option to take the nine weeks test, but if this option is chosen, the test grade will stand and be calculated in with the average.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Does this policy include ACCESS Virtual classes?
No, you are required to take final exams in online classes.
2. If a student is exempt from a test are they required to attend that class on test day?
Students that are exempt from the test and are not present will be marked EXE (exempt) which is not considered an absence code.
3. When is the last day to count attendance as it pertains to determining exemption status?
The day before all 9 weeks testing begins.
Note: If a student is absent the day before testing, that absence will count towards the exemption policy. It must be an excused absence.
4. How do I determine if my child has met the attendance criteria for test exemption?
Follow the handbook policy listed above. This applies to each class separately. If your child is exempt from a test, that teacher will mark them

as exempt in their gradebook. You can view this on the PowerSchool parent portal.

- 5. If my child has a TU, does that count as an unexcused absence in that class?**

Yes, TU is an unexcused absence and does not meet exam exemption guidelines.

- 6. If my child checks in and is marked as tardy excused (TE) during a class, does that count as one excused absence?**

Yes, this would count as one excused absence.

- 7. If my child only misses part of a class, does that count as an absence?**

Yes, a student must be present 100% of the class time to be counted as present for this exemption. (Please make a note of this when planning check-ins/outs.)

- 8. Do I use the current 9 weeks average or the F1 average when deciding on the grade met for exam exemption?**

The current 9 weeks average should be used to decide test exemption status.

- 9. Who do I contact if I have questions about absence codes or my child's attendance?**

You can contact Mrs. Giles with any other questions or needs for clarification. (Email: jgiles@fpcsk12.com, Phone: 256-845-7501)

- 10. Which electives are required to give a 9 weeks test?**

7th and 8th grade PE and Computer Literacy electives are required electives that will give a nine weeks test.

Helpful Tips:

- Absence notes should be turned in within 3 days of an absence! Do NOT wait until the week of 9 Weeks tests to turn in notes! We will stop collecting attendance notes to be counted for exemptions the week prior to testing.
- Remember that this is an incentive to encourage students to be present daily and to put forth their best efforts! Please help us encourage good attendance and participation daily!