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Good Afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School with information about semester 1 exam exemption processes:

- For students that qualify, forms will be distributed during 4th period on Monday, December 11th and need to be returned completed Wednesday or Thursday (no later than Thursday) during lunch or after school by 2:25pm in the Media Center
- **To be eligible to waive exams, students must:**
 - Have been enrolled in a Pinellas County High School on August 10, 2023
 - Have no more than 4 absences in any period
 - Have earned an A or B for the first nine weeks and have a provisional grade of A or B for the current nine weeks grading period
 - 9th-12th grade students can only waive exams that are not Advanced Placement, a state EOC tested subject, or an AICE course
 - 9th-12th grade students may waive up to three exams
 - Have all teacher signatures for any qualifying course they are requested a waiver for the exam (up to three)
 - Have student signature on the form

Have parent signature on the form and the box for PTL checked either yes or no Teachers will sign waiver approval for their class, and again it must be returned to the Media Center during lunch or after school by 2:25pm on Wednesday, December 13th or Thursday, December 14th, and there will be no substitutions or changes after that date.

Students must turn in the form with parent signature and signatures from up to the three teachers that they are exempting, along with the student signature. Exam waiver forms not turned in on Thursday will not be accepted and students will be required to take all midterm exams, regardless of exam waiver eligibility, unless they were absent. It is also imperative that they take a picture of their completed form for their records after it is signed when they turn it in completed in the Media Center.

Parents - please remember to check the box at the bottom of the form indicating whether you would allow the exam waiver to be used as a Permit to Leave (PTL) and sign the form to acknowledge the waiving of exams. Parents and students are reminded that students must remain in the exam classroom until the bell rings and that school is in session each exam day until 1:55pm. Please refer to the exam bell schedule posted on the school's website and attached to this callout. Students will not be permitted to leave the school during an exam

period. If your child is absent on Monday, December 11th, but qualifies for an exemption form, please have them get their form from their 4th period teacher the following day.

- [2023-24ELHSSemester1ExamSchedule.pdf \(pcsb.org\)](https://www.pcsb.org/2023-24ELHSSemester1ExamSchedule.pdf)

Any student needing a PTL that doesn't have the exam exemption form completed will need to request it no less than 24 hours in advance prior to testing dates.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out – have an amazing evening, stay safe, and GO EAGLES!

Dan Schmittiel, Principal
East Lake High School

Vision- 100% student success

Mission- The community of East Lake High School will develop productive and responsible students who are prepared for post-secondary education, the workforce and citizenship.