

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE

2019-2020

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Middle School First and Second Semester

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

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FIRST SEMESTER

<i>Monday, Dec 16, 2019</i>	Two exam periods, each at least 90 minutes in length, will be scheduled. Class periods will be shortened, with the exception of the lunch period to accommodate the exams.
<i>Tuesday, Dec 17, 2019</i>	Two exam periods, each at least 90 minutes in length, will be scheduled. Class periods will be shortened, with the exception of the lunch period to accommodate the exams.
<i>Wednesday, Dec 18, 2019</i>	Two exam periods, each at least 90 minutes in length, will be scheduled. Class periods will be shortened, with the exception of the lunch period to accommodate the exams.
<i>Thursday, Dec 19, 2019</i>	One exam period of at least 90 minutes in length scheduled during the school day for a 7-period day or two exam periods scheduled during the school day for an 8-period day. Class periods will be shortened, with the exception of the lunch period to accommodate the exam.
<i>December 20, 2019</i>	Make Ups

SECOND SEMESTER

<i>Friday, May 22, 2020</i>	Two exam periods, each at least 90 minutes in length, will be scheduled. Class periods will be shortened, with the exception of the lunch period to accommodate the exams.
<i>Tuesday, May 26, 2020</i>	Two exam periods, each at least 90 minutes in length, will be scheduled. Class periods will be shortened, with the exception of the lunch period to accommodate the exams.
<i>Wednesday, May 27, 2020</i>	Two exam periods, each at least 90 minutes in length, will be scheduled. Class periods will be shortened, with the exception of the lunch period to accommodate the exams.
<i>Thursday, May 28, 2020</i>	One exam period of at least 90 minutes in length scheduled during the school day for a 7-period day or two exam periods scheduled during the school day for an 8-period day. Class periods will be shortened, with the exception of the lunch period to accommodate the exam.
<i>May 29, 2020</i>	Make Ups

District Level Middle School End of Course / End of Year Assessments

District level semester exams and/or End of Course exams are mandatory for middle school students. District level semester exams will be administered to students enrolled in courses that are not associated with a statewide, standardized assessment. Students who fail to take a district level End of Course or End of Year exam will receive a grade of zero. The results of district level EOC/EOY assessments will constitute 10 percent of the student's semester and/or final course grade. Students will be allowed to make up EOC/EOY assessments prior to the end of the semester exam week.

An exam period is scheduled for **at least 90 minutes**. All teachers giving exams shall be expected to plan for review time prior to the exam day. Exam reviews must not be scheduled on a major religious holiday.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE DURING EXAMS

There are probably no factors more important to a student's progress in school than regular and punctual attendance. Middle Schools shall not exempt students from academic performance requirements, such as final exams, based on practices or policies designed to encourage student attendance. A student's attendance record may not be used in whole or in part to provide an exemption from any academic performance requirement.

EXAM GRADE REPORTING

Pinellas County middle school district level End of Course (EOCs) or End of Year (EOYs) assessments will count **10%** of the student's semester and/or final course grade. This exam grade is independent of the grade for the quarter, and will be averaged with the quarter grades as a 1/10 component of the final grade.

EARLY EXAMS

Early exams are available to assist middle school students who must move out of the school district prior to the official exam dates. See policy 5420.03. Early exams may not be given 12 school days before the end of the semester, as noted on the PCS academic calendar.

Early exams may not be given prior to:

FIRST SEMESTER - Conclusion of school day **Thursday, December 5, 2019**

SECOND SEMESTER - Conclusion of school day **Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

District Level (PCS Common) Middle School End of Course / End of Year Assessments

For middle school courses that are offered as either a semester or yearlong course with a district developed (PCS Common) assessment, the classroom teacher must administer the district developed assessment (mid-term and/or final). For semester or yearlong courses without a district developed (PCS Common) assessment, the classroom teacher will be responsible for creating a teacher developed mid-term and/or final assessment. In either situation, this assessment is to be administered during district approved assessment windows.

For middle school district developed EOC (semester or year-long assessments), the Middle School Office will work with the district's Accountability, Assessment and Research office to develop scoring norms for the purpose of ensuring consistency across the district in the scoring of district level assessments. During the first year of implement for any district-developed common semester or year-long assessment, teachers will determine the semester and final exam grades for students. During the second and subsequent years of implementation for district developed common assessments the semester exam grade and final exam grade for students will be determined by the district's Accountability, Assessment and Research office through a score-norming process for the purpose of ensuring consistency across the district in the scoring of district common assessments.