

## Finals Exemption Policy for Spring 2020

(Policy JH states):

One criteria of a student's success in school is regular and punctual attendance. Frequent absences may lead to poor academic work, lack of social development and possible academic failure. Regular attendance is of utmost importance for school interest, social adjustment and scholastic achievement. No single factor may interfere with a student's progress more quickly than frequent tardiness or absence.

According to state law, it is the obligation of every parent/guardian to ensure that every child under their care and supervision receives adequate education and training and, if of compulsory attendance age, attends school. Continuity in the learning process and social adaptation is seriously disrupted by excessive absences. In most situations, the work missed cannot be made up adequately. Students who have good attendance generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more and are more employable after leaving school. For at least these reasons, the Board believes that a student must satisfy two basic requirements in order to earn full class credit: (1) satisfy all academic requirements and (2) exhibit good attendance habits.

Monte Vista High School will begin the following Tier 1 practice starting with Spring Semester 2020.

1. All classes will give a cumulative final exam that is worth 20% of the final semester grade.
  - a. 80% of Semester Grade will be based on:
    - i. Assignments, Exams, Participation, etc. at the discretion of the classroom teacher.
  - b. 20% of Semester Grade will be based on:
    - i. Semester Final Exam
2. Students can be exempt from the final exam by meeting the following criteria or at the discretion of the Principal or designee\*:
  - a. Less than 3 absences in a class
    - i. Excused Absences
      1. As stated in Policy JH
    - ii. Unexcused Absences
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  - b. Less than 2 Tardies in a class (2 Tardies equal one Absence)
    - i. Excused Tardies
      1. Unless pre-arranged
    - ii. Unexcused Tardies
  - c. 1 Write Up or less
  - d. Grade of C or better going into the final
3. Seniors will take Finals early based on when they are let out.
4. Students must get Pre-Approval from the Principal or designee in order to take finals early, if they are not Seniors.
5. If you are exempt from the final, you must not be on school grounds during the final. If you are on campus, you will be required to take the final.
6. If you are exempt from the final, you may choose to take the final.
  - a. In this case, the final can help your grade, but it cannot hurt it.