

**ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENDA ACTION SHEET**

Date: June 16, 2025

Subject: Semester Exemption Policy for the one semester courses and the Spring Semester in yearlong courses

Administrator Responsible: Diana L. Silvas

Position: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☐

Information Only

☒

Action Needed

B. Authority for this Action:

☐

Local Policy

☐

Law or Rule

C. Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed:

Grading Guidelines require all students to take a semester exam at the end of the Spring semester for Yearlong Courses and at the end of all One Semester Courses. Students who do not meet exemption requirements will take a semester exam in each course.

D. Summary:

During one-semester courses and the spring semester in yearlong courses, students will be eligible for exam exemptions.

Students in grades 9-12 may be exempt from the semester exam in each course if the following criteria are met:

- The student has maintained an average of 85 or higher during the semester in the course for which the exemption is granted.
- The student has no more than three unexcused absences in the course for which the exemption is granted.

The date range consists of the following:

August 13, 2025- December 12, 2025 - for students taking a one-semester course in the Fall

January 6, 2026- April 24, 2026- for Senior students taking one Semester Courses in the Spring

January 6, 2026- May 13, 2026- for students taking one Semester Courses in the Spring

August 13, 2024 - April 24, 2026 - for Senior Students taking Yearlong Courses

August 13, 2025 - May 13, 2026 - for Yearlong Courses

E. Alternatives Considered:

F. Comments Received:

G. Administrative Recommendation: That the Board approve the 2026 Spring Semester Exemption Policy.

H. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

I. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Robstown Early College High School
2025-2026
Semester Exam Exemption Policy

The following exemption policy will be in effect for the 25-26 school year.

ONE SEMESTER COURSES /SPRING SEMESTER

During one-semester courses and the spring semester in yearlong courses, students will be eligible for exam exemptions.

Students in grades 9-12 may be exempt from the semester exam in each course if the following criteria are met:

- The student has maintained an average of 85 or higher during the semester in the course for which the exemption is granted.
- The student has no more than three unexcused absences in the course for which the exemption is granted. The date range consists of the following:

August 13, 2025- December 12, 2025 - for students taking a one-semester course in the Fall
January 6, 2026- April 24, 2026- for Senior students taking one Semester Courses in the Spring
January 6, 2026- May 13, 2026- for students taking one Semester Courses in the Spring
August 13, 2024 - April 24, 2026 - for Senior Students taking Yearlong Courses
August 13, 2025 - May 13, 2026 - for Yearlong Courses

Students who are exempt from an exam must report to class during the assigned testing period. Students will need to remain in class. If a student is exempt and fails to report to class for attendance forfeits the exemption. In such a case, a semester exam grade of "0" will be recorded on the report card unless the student makes up the exam during the scheduled time for test make-ups.

Students, who are exempt from the semester exam by grades and attendance, can also choose to take the exam to improve their semester average.

If a student chooses this option, he or she must adhere to the campus guidelines for all students who are required to take the exam.

The exam grade can only be used to improve the exempt student's semester average.