

Exams - Fall 2020 Policy Adjustments

Due to the Global Pandemic, the administration at BCHS has decided to amend our exam policy for the Fall 2020 semester. We will reevaluate our exam policy again in the spring to determine if similar adjustments need to be made.

Current Policy - Any student who has a cumulative semester grade of an A or B, and has been absent (2) or fewer days may earn semester exam exemption. Also, a student may have no more than (2) unexcused tardies per class per semester, and no out of school suspension (OSS) to be exempt.

Amended Policy for Fall 2020 - All final exams, with the exception of dual credit, are OPTIONAL for students (regardless of their grade/attendance) and can do no harm to the student's grade. A student can elect to take none or up to all of their final exams during their class period on exam days. It is highly recommended for any student who is failing a class, or wants a higher grade, to take the exam in efforts to improve their semester grade. Exams are worth 20% of a student's overall semester grade. Exams will only be given in-person. If you are a fully remote student and need/want to take a final exam, we will ensure you have a testing location where social distancing protocols (as well as all other safety protocols) are followed. Students who choose to not take a final exam are not required to be in attendance during that exam period. Teachers will ask in advance which students will be taking exams so that they can either properly prepare their classroom environment, or request a different testing location.

All dual credit courses who are awarding dual credit grades this semester are required to take final exams, per RLC guidelines. The Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Community College Board have jointly stated high school districts must follow the college's regulations for dual credit. Therefore, exams are not optional and they can lower a student's grade in their dual credit class. Most dual credit courses have enough time to take their test within the normal class period. **College Algebra** and **Intro to Psychology** will have exams on **Friday, December 18th** in order to allow enough time for students to complete the dual credit exam. All students in these two classes will need to arrive by 8:30 am on Friday, December 18. Any student taking Intro to Psychology will take that exam first, followed by College Algebra, if necessary. Students only in College Algebra will take that exam at 8:30 am. Testing locations will be in the commons, Rich Herrin Gymnasium, and/or the library. Please remember to complete your symptom screening before coming to school.

- Exam 1 = 8:30 - 10:30 - Testing location will be discussed in class prior to exams
 - Intro to Psych
 - College Algebra
- Exam 2 = 10:45 - 12:45 - Testing location will be discussed in class prior to exams
 - College Algebra

If you have any questions or concerns regarding exams, feel free to call the school at 439-3103 or email Mr. Thomas at wthomas@bentonhighschool.org.