

## REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

The Board feels that the periodic use of teacher-made examinations aids School System personnel in evaluating student learning and achievement and provides a means for assessing the effectiveness of the teaching-learning process in the schools of the School System. Therefore, the Board encourages principals and teachers to insure that students are provided with meaningful opportunities to engage in the preparation for and completion of comprehensive unit/grading period examinations. In an effort to standardize certain aspects of the administration of nine weeks and term examinations on a System-wide basis, the following guidelines shall be applicable:

### Nine-Weeks Examinations - Grades 7-12

All students\* in grades 7 - 12 shall be required to take comprehensive nine-weeks examinations in each course in which they are enrolled the first nine weeks of each term.

### Term Examinations - Grades 7-12

All students\* in grades 7-12 shall take comprehensive term examinations in each course in which they are enrolled, except in those courses where students are exempt based on the approved exemption policies for the School System.

\* A special education student's IEP may or may not require nine-week/term examinations.

### Examination Schedules

All nine-week examinations will be administered according to the regular schedule. Further, individual student examinations may be authorized by the principal to accommodate extenuating circumstances

**Nine-Weeks Examination Schedule--** The nine-weeks examinations/ tests (grades 7-12) shall be administered during the time allotted for regular class periods.

**Term Examination Schedule --** The term examinations/tests (grades 7-12) shall be administered the last 3 days of the term scheduled as follows: Day one will be periods 1-3, day two will be periods 4-5, and periods 6-7 will be given on the last day.

### Term Examination Credit Weighting

The grade/score derived from the term examinations will be counted as one-fifth (1/5th) of the term's work with each nine-weeks' grade/score counting as two-fifths (2/5) of the final term grade/score.

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