***NEW* HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD**

**EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY AND ELIGIBILITY**

With the introduction of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development *Student Attendance and Engagement Policy*, the Halifax Regional School Board has updated its Exam Exemption Policy. A student may request to be exempt from no more than one final assessment/examination per semester provided the student meets the Exam Exemption Policy criteria.

1. **For a student to qualify for an exam exemption, the student must:**

* not accumulate any more than6 absences in any course in which the student is enrolled within any one semester;
* not accumulate any more than 6 lates in any course in which the student is enrolled within any one semester;
* not have any suspensions (dating back to the beginning of the semester);
* **be in good academic standing in every class.**

1. **What does “good academic standing” mean?**

This typically means that you have completed all of your major assignments and tests.  All of your teachers must be in agreement if you are to obtain an exemption. Therefore, your teachers will be the people to determine if you are in good academic standing.

1. **What exams cannot be exempt?**

* NSVS (Online Course) Exams
* English 10, 11, 12
* English Communications 11, 12
* Academic Math 10, 11, 12
* Math at Work 10, 11
* Pre-Calculus 11, 12
* Calculus 12

**Please note that the new policy differs from the old policy in that students are only eligible for an exemption if they have no more than 6 absences in total, regardless of the reason for the absence. School-based activities and trips will not be included in this total.**