

GPA Exempt Courses

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Class of 2017
and Beyond

Conroe ISD strives to encourage students to pursue their areas of special talents and interests to enrich their academic experiences and achievements. The GPA exemption is in place to allow students to exempt up to two credits during their high school career. We believe this will foster continued and increased involvement in extra-curricular programs and ensure that all of our students have access to a well-rounded education.

GPA exempt courses

When a student enrolls in the third or fourth year of one of the courses listed below and completes the GPA Exempt Application, the course will be excluded in the computation of grade point average and class rank.

- Advanced Journalism (*Newspaper and Yearbook*)
- Art III and IV
- District-Identified CTE courses
- Athletics (not PE)
- Band
- Cheerleading
- Choir
- Color Guard
- Debate
- Dance Team
- JROTC
- Oral Interpretation
- Orchestra
- Theatre (*Technical Theatre, Theatre Arts, Theatre Production*)

Who is eligible?

The opportunity to sign up for GPA exempt courses will begin with students who entered the ninth grade in the Fall of 2013 or later.

To qualify for the GPA exemption for the third or fourth year course, a student must have already taken the first two years of the course at a high school campus and earned at least a B average. (*Example: Student must have taken Theatre I and II in order to take Theatre III as GPA exempt.*) Students, including move-in students, who miss the exemption application deadline for the first semester, may apply for the second semester if they meet the criteria.



How does this system benefit students?

Conroe ISD utilizes a weighted grade point system that allows students taking advance courses to receive a GPA greater than 4.0. Students with a cumulative GPA greater than 4.0 will be able to take these courses without suffering the negative impact on their GPA.

How do students enroll in a GPA exempt course?

Students must:

1. Declare at course selection that they will seek the course as GPA exempt.
2. See their counselor to apply.
3. Parent will approve through Parent Access Center.
4. Submit the completed form no later than the last day of schedule changes for that semester.

Once the student signs up to take a course that is GPA exempt, the decision cannot be changed.

Do GPA exempt courses affect eligibility?

Yes. The numerical grades earned in a GPA exempt course will be used to determine eligibility for participation in all UIL and school-sponsored activities. In addition, numerical grades will also be used to determine eligibility for academic awards including earning a letter in academics or admission into organizations such as National Honor Society.

How many courses may a student take as GPA exempt?

Students may exempt up to two credits during their high school career. Students are limited to one credit of exemption during their junior year. If a student does not take any courses as GPA exempt during their junior year, they may take up to two credits exempt during their senior year.

**For more information
see your school counselor.**