

Final Exemption Policy

College and Career Transition Readiness/Graduation Pre-Qualifiers

The vision of the Kentucky Board of Education is that each and every student is empowered and equipped with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to pursue a successful future. Students moving to the next educational level or graduating from high school should be prepared to succeed in the next stage of their lives.

KDE establishes criteria for designating students as transition ready in consultation with the Council on Post-Secondary Education (CPE).

It is the goal of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School's faculty and staff that all students reach or exceed transition ready status before graduation. To reward seniors who attain this goal by May 10 of their graduation year, the school will award final exam exemptions to be used during the spring semester of their senior year as follows:

| Status | Current KDE/CPE Requirement* | PLD Reward | Terms and Conditions |
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| Academic Ready - Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Sciences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACT Math 19+** AP math or science exam score of 3+ Approved math or science Dual Credit coursework scoring C or higher | 2 final exam exemptions | * Exemptions may NOT be used to excuse students from completing Capstone or major culminating projects. Exemptions registered for classes with these requirements will be used to exempt the student's lowest submitted summative score. (Missing summatives are not eligible for exemption.) |
| Academic Ready - Communications, Arts & Humanities, or Social & Behavioral Sciences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACT Reading 20+ or English 18+** AP English, social studies, arts, or world languages exam score of 3+ Approved English/social studies/arts/world language Dual Credit coursework scoring a C or higher | 2 final exam exemptions | <p>* Students enrolled in courses that are scheduled over multiple blocks MUST register an exemption for EACH scheduled block in order to exempt the exam for that course.</p> <p>* It is the responsibility of students who fulfil the criteria for exemptions at vocational schools and other off-campus programs to provide evidence of their scores/coursework to the PLD BAC prior to the May 10 deadline.</p> |
| Career Ready Through Industry Certification(s) | Passing all KDE-approved Industry Certification(s) for a CTE pathway to attain Career Ready status | 2 final exam exemptions | * Students enrolled in AP courses will NOT receive refunds for any registered AP exams they elect not to take. |
| Career Ready Through CTE EOP | Passing the CTE EOP exam for an approved CTE pathway | 2 final exam exemptions | * PLD final exam exemptions may ONLY be used for courses taken at PLD unless approved by the off-site teacher and PLD exemptions administrator. (Dual Credit courses are not eligible due to collegiate grading policies.) |
| Career Pathway Course Completion | Successful completion of four or more courses within an approved CTE pathway | 2 final exam exemptions | |
| English Proficiency (EL designation required) | 4.5 or higher overall score on ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 | 2 final exam exemptions | * Any exemptions not registered before the announced deadline are VOID . It is the student's responsibility to register their exemptions by the announced deadlines. |

* The SBDM Policy will update automatically to reflect changes in KDE/CPE requirements for CCR (strikethroughs reflect changes in the KDE policy since the development of the SBDM policy).

**Or scoring at or above the benchmark score as determined by the CPE on college admissions examinations or college placement examinations (SB 175, 2019)

KPREP

Students who receive a Proficient score on any state-required KPREP content area exam may earn one final exam exemption for the following fall semester. Students who receive a Distinguished score may earn two final exam exemptions for the following fall semester. The terms and conditions listed above for Transition Readiness exemptions will also apply for KPREP exemptions. State-required pilot tests will not qualify students for exemptions.

