

Broward County Public Schools Continuation Waiver Application



Broward County Schools is the largest fully accredited school district in the United States

School Improvement Waivers are designed to remove barriers to school improvement that have been found in state statute, school board policy, or collective bargaining contract (see School Board Policy #1403). Waivers must be based on sound educational research and evaluation, must be budget neutral to the district, must be supported by stakeholders in the local school community, and must be approved by 66.67% of the faculty. Waivers may be approved for up to five years by the School Board, but the faculty must approve the waiver each year. Waivers must be equitable for all students in a particular student group.

Waiver # 3

School Name: Everglades High ▼

Board Policy/Contract Article: 6000.1

Board Approved: TBA

Years Approved: 5 Years

Target Area: Exam Exemption

Waiver Status: New ▼

Initial Year of Implementation: 2019 - 2020

District's Strategic Alignment Plan: Instruction/Teaching & Assessing for Learning

Accreditation Standard Alignment: Teaching and Assessing for Learning

- Everglades High** is requesting a waiver for **Exam Exemption** for a period of 5 years. **Everglades High** will analyze the data and present them to SAC.
- This waiver proposal was presented, reviewed, and endorsed by all stakeholders of the local school community at meetings on:
 - Community Meeting 1: 10/23/2018
 - Community Meeting 2: 12/11/2018
 - Community Meeting 3: 01/22/2019
- The School Advisory Council voted on the **Exam Exemption** Waiver by **100%** (minimum of 51%) on **01/22/2019**.
- The Faculty voted on the implementation of **Exam Exemption** by **79%** (minimum of 66 2/3%) on **02/07/2019**, according to the voting guidelines in the Broward Teachers Union Contract, Article 15.

Faculty Votes In 2019 - 2020: 1% ▼ Date:

Faculty Votes In 2020 - 2021: 1% ▼ Date:

Faculty Votes In 2021 - : 1% ▼ Date:

2022:

Faculty Votes In 2022 -

1%

▼ Date:

2023:

5. Write the exact language of the school board policy or contract article that the proposed waiver will supersede.

Final Examinations and Exam Exemptions: Examinations shall be scheduled and administered in accordance with the guidelines provided in the District's procedural manual for this policy. A student's attendance record may not be used in whole or in part to provide an exemption from any academic performance requirement (F.S. 1003.33).a. Students in grades 6-12 who earn a grade of B or better in a particular course may be exempt from the mid-term and/or final exams in that course under the following criteria: (1) all students will be eligible to waive one-half of their total midterms or final exams, (2) for AP/IB/AICE, midterms cannot be exempted (The student may exempt the final exam. Teachers are encouraged to give an alternative assessment in lieu of a traditional final), (3) dual enrollment mid-terms and finals may NOT be exempted, (4) the statewide, standardized EOC assessments, required by statute, are not eligible for exemption,

6. State the waiver: change, delete, or add to the policy or contract so as to fulfill the requirements of the proposed waiver.

Students at Everglades High School enrolled in courses with End of Course examinations attached to them will be required to take midterm examinations for these classes.

7. State the rationale for the proposed waiver. How will the proposed waiver support school improvement? Give background information, history of barrier, etc.

Everglades High School believes that students in End of Course classes should take midterm examinations for the following reasons: 1. Exams are a crucial experience for students as these exams mirror cumulative college end of year exams. 2. Midterms are critical for training students in developing and maintaining testing stamina and retaining cumulative information. 3. Midterm exams give teachers quantitative feedback to measure the fidelity of teaching methods for improving teaching, meeting PGP goals and preparing students for the End of Course examination. 4. Particularly in EOC classes, the midterm exam serves as a formative assessment that shows students and teachers what needs to be remediated during the second half of the course to ensure success on the state End of Course examination.

8. Recognizing that one strategy alone does not affect school-wide achievement, identify and explain the baseline data for the proposed waiver.

The baseline data consists of the EOC examination scores for Spring 2018. The percentage of students who passed each test is shown below: Biology- 67% Geometry- 56% Algebra- 47% U.S. History- 77%

9. What reliable research studies, proven strategies, best practices, or similar programs support the probable success of the proposed waiver?

Prior to the 2013-14 school year, the district required that students take a district wide midterm in all End of Course classes in order to collect data on student progress towards success on the state End of Course examination. This waiver reinstates this practice to allow teachers and students to gauge progress towards the End of Course Exam.

10. **Everglades High** will evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver each year. Include current data in alignment to the baseline data to measure the impact of the waiver.

Year 1
(2019 - 2020)

Year 2
(2020 - 2021)

Year 3
(2021 - 2022)

Year 4
(2022 - 2023)

Year 5
(2023 - 2024)

11. If this waiver is being discontinued, indicate why.

12. We confirm that the **Exam Exemption** was implemented as described above:

Principal: Haleh Darbar Date: 02/08/2019



SAC Chairperson: Lisa Alonso Date: 02/08/2019



13. This waiver has been reviewed by:

Broward Teacher's Union Rep: Bruce Klasner Date: 02/08/2019



14. This waiver has been reviewed by the Office of Strategic Achievement:

OSA Rep: Date:

This waiver application, with original signatures, is to be kept on file at the school and made available to District personnel upon request.

A scanned version of the completed Exam Exemption Waiver Process, with signatures, and all other required documents are to be uploaded to http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/schoolimprove/school_staff_login.asp by February 8, 2013.

The filename to upload is to be: SchoolName_GradeLevel_WaiverNumber_Date.pdf,
ex. *Abc_ES_1_02082013.pdf*

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