

Midterm Exams 2018: FAQs

1. What is the exam schedule?

	Tuesday, December 18	Wednesday, December 19	Thursday, December 20	Friday, December 21
9:00AM - 10:25AM	1st hour	3rd hour	5th hour	7th hour
11:00AM - 12:25PM	2nd hour	4th hour	6th hour	

2. Does a student need to be on campus if he/she does not have an exam to take during the scheduled time?

- No. Students who do not have an exam to take for a class do not need to be on campus during that time. For example, if a student does not have a 2nd hour exam on Tuesday, the student may leave school after the completion of the 1st hour exam at 10:25AM. Similarly, a student who has a 6th hour exam on Thursday, but not a 5th hour exam, does not need to report to school until 11:00AM on Thursday.

3. Why would a student not have an exam to take during the scheduled time?

There are a few reasons why a student would not have an exam to take. They are:

- Some performance classes do not give exams.
- Some Dual Enrollment classes give exams early to meet university deadlines.

****If you are unsure about if/when you have an exam, please check with your teacher.****

4. Can a student leave class before the end of the exam period?

- No. Students will be dismissed when the bell rings to signal the end of the exam period.

5. When will exam grades be available on RenWeb?

- For 1st – 6th hour exams, grades can be viewed beginning at 9:00AM on the day after the exam is given.
 - For example, exam grades for 1st and 2nd hour exams will be posted by 9:00AM on Wednesday.
- Grades for 7th hour exams will be posted by 1:00PM on Friday.
- Exam grades can be found in the Report Card tab on RenWeb.
- ***IMPORTANT:*** RenWeb will be turned off from 3:00PM on Friday, December 21 through 7:30AM on Monday, January 7. Grades will not be open for viewing during this time. **Please check grades BEFORE 3:00PM on Friday, December 21 and contact your teacher with any questions immediately.**

6. Is there a place where students can study on campus during exam week?

- Yes. The library will be open during the following times:
Monday (regular school day): 7:00AM – 3:00PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:00AM – 1:00PM
Friday: 8:00AM – 10:25AM

7. How will I know what material will be covered on the exam?

- Starting the week of December 3, teachers will post outlines/study guides on RenWeb and/or Google Classroom. These will give students an idea of what to study when preparing for exams.

8. How do I prepare for an exam?

- Begin gathering and organizing notes, worksheets, slides
 - Check with a few other classmates to make sure you have all of the material, especially if you were absent for any class periods
 - Use DIGITAL tools (Google Classroom, Docs, Slides, Word, etc) to organize material by order in which it was taught in class and by unit/chapter/section
 - Review material in a general way until you receive the study guide/outline of exam material
 - Spend a little more time with topics covered in the 1st Quarter, since it may have been a while since you have looked at those items.
 - Begin WRITING notecards for vocabulary words and important concepts.
 - Use digital tools to organize notes but handwrite notes to learn/review. Why? [Check out this article.](#)
 - Once you have the outline/study guide from the teacher, start identifying important topics.
 - Use highlighters or other means of color-coding your notes to identify topics mentioned in the study guide
 - REWORK math problems or any problems that require calculations. DON'T JUST "LOOK OVER" THEM.
 - Form a small study group (3-4 people) 2 weeks before the exam
 - Consider meeting more than one time
 - Set an "agenda" for each meeting (i.e. On the first meeting, discuss Ch 1-4)
 - Assign roles to each member of the group
 - Each person could be assigned to be the "expert" on a specific topic/chapter. That person would then teach/present a review of his/her topic/chapter to the rest of the group
- OR**
- Assign a job to each member of the group (time keeper, discussion leader, reporter, etc)
 - Many teachers schedule class time for students to ask questions about the exam, while others hold review sessions near the end of the quarter. Ideally, students should enter the question/answer time or review session having already reviewed and studied the material. Successful students use these opportunities as a way to quiz themselves to see what they have already learned or as a time to clarify topics about which they are unsure. These opportunities are most beneficial if they occur at the END of a student's exam preparation process. In other words, students who wait to begin preparing for the exam and have not reviewed the material by the time these in-class opportunities roll around will not gain the full advantage of what the teacher is offering.

9. Will teachers be on duty before and after exams if I need to drop off my student early or pick up my student later in the day?

- Yes but only for limited times. Teachers will be on morning duty beginning at 8:00AM Tuesday – Friday. Teachers will be on afternoon duty until 1:00PM Tuesday – Thursday. On Friday, teachers will be on duty until 11:00AM.

10. What happens if I miss an exam?

- Makeup exams will be given on Monday, January 7 and Tuesday, January 8. If a student has more than one makeup exam to take, the student will take 2 exams per day in the order in which they were given. Mrs. Jeffrey will contact those students needing to take a makeup exam via email with information on time and location.
- It is very important that students be present for exams and take their exams at the scheduled time. Failure to do so will delay semester grades.
- If a student is more than 10 minutes late for an exam, the student will not be admitted to the room and will need to take a makeup exam.
- Please remember, just as for a regular test, teachers reserve the right to give a different version of the exam to a student who takes a makeup.

11. Do students have to be in uniform for exam days?

- Yes. All students must be in full uniform, must be properly groomed, and have their IDs on during exam days.

12. Will the cafeteria serve food during exam days?

- Yes. Brunch is served in between exams on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Brunch is served before the exam on Friday starting at approximately 8:30AM.

13. How does an exam grade affect an overall grade?

- Exams count for 20% of the semester average for a course.
- Each quarter grade counts for 40% of the semester average.
- Example - Suppose a student makes these grades:
 - Quarter 1 = 85 Quarter 2 = 88 Midterm Exam = 89The semester average is calculated in the following way:
 $Q\ 1\ (40\%) = 85\ (0.4) = 34$
 $Q\ 2\ (40\%) = 88\ (0.4) = 35.2$
 $Exam\ (20\%) = 89\ (0.2) = 17.8$

$$34 + 35.2 + 17.8 = 87$$

The student would have an **87 B** for the 1st semester.

- To show the importance of exam grades, consider what would happen if the student made an 86 on the exam.

$$34 + 35.2 + 17.2 = 86.4 \rightarrow 86\ C$$