

Hempfield High School
Weighted Exemption Policy (WEP)

Hempfield High School recognizes the importance that class rank may play in a student's college application process. In an effort to help students maintain their class rank while also encouraging them to take classes of interest (not based on class rank implications), the school has developed a Weighted Exemption Policy (WEP). The WEP allows students in their junior and senior year of high school to select classes that will not be factored into their Weighted Grade Point Average (WGPA), which is used to calculate class rank and for National Honor Society eligibility. Students who apply for a WEP will still have all of their classes count toward their Un-Weighted Grade Point Average, which is used to calculate honor roll status and is listed on a student's academic transcript.

The following procedures and guidelines have been developed for students who elect to apply for a WEP:

- A student will be permitted a total of three (3) exemptions throughout his/her Hempfield career. He/she may use one (1) WEP junior year and 1 per semester (2) his/her senior year.
- Senior option will count as an exemption (i.e., a student may not apply for a WEP during a semester in which he/she is scheduled for senior option).
- Core required courses are not eligible for exemption.
- Students must apply for an exemption within the first five school days of the semester (or their enrollment at the school for new students). Exemptions will not be honored if the request is received after that date.
- Once an exemption is applied for, a student may not withdraw that request. All requests are final.
- Exemptions only apply to a student's WGPA. A student's final grade for an exempt course will still factor into his/her Un-Weighted GPA.

Please complete the information below to exempt a class from being factored into the Weighted GPA calculation and return to your guidance counselor within the first five (5) days of the semester:

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Grade Level: _____ Semester (Fall/Spring): _____ Year: _____

Course # for which I would like to apply for a WEP: _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

For Office Use Only:

Counselor Signature: _____ Date Processed in Sapphire: _____