

# Early Start Exemption Petition

## Exemptions Based on Test Scores or Course Credits (DO NOT USE THIS FORM)

You are required to participate in Early Start English if you score below 147 on the English Placement Test (EPT) or below 50 on the Elementary Level Mathematics (ELM) exam. You may be automatically exempted from the Early Start requirement if you have a sufficiently high SAT, ACT, or AP test score, or if you took a qualifying Senior Year English or Mathematics course or a qualifying transfer course at a community college.

Your Early Start "Smart Page" automatically updates your Early Start exemption status as transcripts and test scores are received by the University. You can find your Smart Page in the Student Center of your MyFresnoState account. If you believe your Smart Page is inaccurate, contact the Admissions and Records office immediately at 559.278.2661. You do not need to submit this form.

## Exemptions Based on Serious and Compelling Reasons (USE THIS FORM)

You may submit this form if you are requesting an exemption from the Early Start program for a serious or compelling personal reason. The Dean of Undergraduate Studies may grant exemptions to students who document a serious and compelling reason for not participating in or completing, an approved Early Start program. At Fresno State, a committee with representation from Admissions, Advising Services, and the faculty will review petitions and make recommendations to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, who will make the final decision and notify the student via email of the campus' decision.

You must provide written documentation that substantiates the reason(s) you did not participate in the Early Start program. Geographic distance from the Fresno State campus or work schedule conflicts are not grounds for exemptions, as course offerings are available online and at every California State University campus.

Your serious and compelling reasons must be verifiable by a professional (e.g. if you have a medical reason, you must provide documentation and contact information for a healthcare professional who can verify your situation). Requests without sufficient and qualifying supporting documentation will be denied.

(please print clearly in black or blue ink)

I was required to complete the following Early Start courses:

- Early Start English
- Early Start Math

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Fresno State ID	
Email Address		Phone Number	English Placement Test (EPT) Score	Entry Level Mathematics Exam (ELM) Score

**Personal Statement:** I am petitioning for an exemption from the Early Start program for the following reason(s).


*By signing, I affirm that the information on this form and any attached documentation is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

*By signing, I understand that I am bound by the University Honor Code and am aware that providing false information on this form is grounds for dismissal from the University.*

*Honor Code: Members of the California State University, Fresno academic community adhere to the principles of academic integrity and mutual respect while engaged in university work and related activities.*

_____ Student Signature	_____ Date
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**Submit by Fax:**  
559.278.4812

**Submit In Person:**  
Undergraduate Admissions  
Joyal Administration Lobby

**Submit by Mail:**  
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