

Senior Privileges Open Campus

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Students

SUBJECT: SENIOR OPEN CAMPUS PROGRAM

The District maintains a Senior Open Campus program through which qualified senior students are permitted to leave school during lunch, study halls, and other unscheduled periods.

Requirements for Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the privileges awarded under the Senior Open Campus program, a student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- 1) The student must have attained sufficient academic credits to be considered a senior.
- 2) The student must be enrolled in at least 6 courses and one (1) physical education class for a total of 6.5 credits or equivalent. The coursework should be rigorous and reflective of Career and College readiness standards of excellence. For purposes of assessing a student's satisfaction of this requirement, a science lab will not be treated as a course unless the student is enrolled in two (2) or more science courses, in which case the student's various science labs together will constitute one (1) course. Enrollment in a BOCES program shall be deemed equivalent to enrollment in 4 courses.
- 3) The student's cumulative scholastic average for the current school year must be at least 80%.
- 4) The student must have received no failing grades during the 10 week period preceding a determination of eligibility.
- 5) The student must not have an eligibility coefficient of less than 3.0 for the 10 week period preceding a determination of eligibility.
- 6) The students must have no more than 3 absences during the 10 week period preceding a determination of eligibility. Students may not have more than 3 tardies or early releases during any marking period in the current school year. Note that any other instance of excessive absence from class/school may result in revoking of privileges as deemed appropriate by the Principal or designee.
- 7) The student must have had no student conduct infractions added to his/her record during the 3 school calendar months immediately preceding a determination of eligibility.
- 8) The student's parent/legal guardian must consent to the student's exercise of the open campus privilege by properly completing, signing, and returning to the High School Principal's office a parental consent form. A consent form received by the High School Principal's office will not be effective until verified by telephone by an authorized representative of the District. Unless rescinded by the parent or legal guardian, a consent form shall remain valid for the duration of the school year in which it is received.

Identification of Eligible Students

Each student's eligibility to participate in the Senior Open Campus program shall be evaluated every 10 weeks during the school year. A student's eligibility to exercise the open campus privilege during a particular 10 week period shall be based upon the student's satisfaction of the aforementioned eligibility requirements during the immediately preceding 10 week period.

Following the conclusion of each 10 week period, the High School Principal or his/her designee shall prepare a list identifying the students eligible for the open campus privilege during the then current 10 week period. Each student identified on the list shall receive a senior privilege pass, which shall be used in the manner described below.

The eligibility list for a particular period shall remain in effect until the list for the subsequent period is completed. However, no eligibility list shall be in effect at the beginning of the school year, and no student shall receive the open campus privilege until the initial eligibility list is completed following the 5 week evaluation period commencing with the first day of the school year.

Program Guidelines

The District's administration of, and a student's participation in, the Senior Open Campus program shall be subject to the following program guidelines:

- 1) Senior Privilege Pass. Each student identified as eligible for senior privileges shall receive a senior privilege pass. A student's senior pass shall remain in effect until the issuance of the next open campus eligibility list, unless the student's privilege is revoked or rescinded prior to the issuance of such list. Senior passes will be unique (color change) for each marking period.
- 2) Sign-Out/Sign-In Procedure. Any student choosing to exercise the open campus privilege must sign out at the main office prior to leaving the school building. When signing out, the student must present his/her senior pass for verification to the District employee then on duty and enter his/her full name, time of departure, and specific destination in the open campus log book. Upon returning to the school building, the student must sign in at the main office by presenting his/her senior pass for verification and entering his/her time of return in the open campus log book. Each student who signs out at the beginning of a particular period shall be required to return to school and sign in prior to the beginning of the next period, unless the student signs out at the beginning of a ninth-period study hall and indicates that he/she will not be returning.
- 3) Prohibition of Loitering. If a student exercising the open campus privilege returns to school prior to the end of a period, the student must go directly to the cafeteria or the assigned study hall (or nooks) upon completing the sign-in process. Students are not permitted to loiter in the hallways of the school building, in parked cars outside the school building, or elsewhere on school property.
- 4) Prohibition of Food and Open Beverages. A student exercising the open campus privilege may not bring any food or open beverage into the school building. Food and open beverages not consumed before returning to school shall be properly disposed of by the student.

- 5) Use of Vehicles; Parking. Students exercising the open campus privilege may remove their vehicles from the areas designated for student parking. However, such students must observe all school traffic and parking rules and applicable public traffic laws and regulations when doing so.
- 6) Privilege Shall Not Excuse Absence or Tardiness. The open campus privilege may be exercised only during lunch, study hall periods, and other unscheduled periods. The privilege may not be used as justification for missing class or arriving late to any class, study hall, or other unscheduled period.
- 7) Mandatory Attendance at Assemblies. A student participating in the open campus program must attend all school assemblies as directed by the High School Principal or his/her designee, regardless of whether such assemblies are held during periods when the student desires to exercise the open campus privilege.
- 8) Behavioral Responsibilities; Code of Conduct Compliance. **The Senior Open Campus program is a privilege.** and all students participating in the program are expected to maintain the highest standards of conduct. Each student leaving school property during the exercise of the open campus privilege shall remain subject to, and shall be obligated to comply with, the District Code of Conduct. Accordingly, each student exercising the open campus privilege shall be strictly prohibited from engaging in conduct that is disorderly or violent or that endangers the health, morals, safety, or welfare of others. Any student conduct occurring during the exercise of the open campus privilege that is deemed by the High School Principal or his/her designee to be inappropriate may result in immediate revocation of the offending student's open campus privilege and, where applicable, further discipline in accordance with the District Code of Conduct.

Revocation and Suspension of Open Campus Privilege

- 1) Revocation of Privilege for Misconduct/Non-Compliance. The High School Principal or his/her designee shall have the right to revoke a student's open campus privilege, without prior notice, in the event the student, while exercising the privilege, conducts himself or herself in a manner which the High School Principal deems inappropriate or which otherwise violates the terms and conditions of the Senior Open Campus program, as set forth herein. Furthermore, any violation of the District Code of Conduct during a period in which a student has been declared eligible for the Senior Open Campus program shall result in an immediate revocation the student's open campus privilege.

The duration of any revocation of a student's open campus privilege shall be determined by the High School Principal with complete and absolute discretion, but in no case shall such revocation end prior to the end of the 10 week privilege eligibility period in which the revocation occurs.

Any student whose open campus privilege is revoked in this manner shall be entitled to meet with the High School Principal or his/her designee to discuss the reason(s) for revocation of the privilege. Such meeting shall occur within five (5) school days of the revocation. After meeting with the High School Principal or his/her designee, a student desiring further explanation of the revocation of his/her privilege shall be entitled to request a meeting with the High School Principal and the Superintendent.

- 2) Suspension of Privileges for Safety and Security Purposes. The open campus privilege may be temporarily suspended by the High School Principal or his/her designee due to severe weather conditions or for any other reason of safety or security, as necessary.
- 3) Parental Rescission of Open Campus Program Consent. A parent/legal guardian who consents to his/her child's participation in the Senior Open Campus program may rescind such consent at any time, thereby rendering the child ineligible for the open campus privilege, by delivering written notice of rescission to the High School Principal or his/her designee. Following delivery of such a notice of rescission, the parent/legal guardian shall not be permitted to consent to his/her child's participation in the Senior Open Campus program for the remainder of the then current 10 week privilege eligibility period and the child's participation in the program shall not be reinstated during said period.

Limitation of District Liability

The District assumes no liability whatsoever for any accidents, physical injuries or property damage occurring as a result of, or in connection with, a student's exercise of the open campus privilege. The student and his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s) shall be responsible at all times for the student's conduct while exercising the open campus privilege.