

## **Students**

### **Senior Privileges**

As part of a developing plan to encourage independent study and self-responsibility, the Board of Education approves as policy the practice of permitting high school seniors released time from school.

To be eligible for senior privileges, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Seniors must take at least 5 units of credit.
2. Seniors must have written parental consent regardless of their age.
3. Seniors who have 17.50 credits completed at the end of their junior year are eligible to apply.
4. Students must maintain a C average with no failing grades.
5. Seniors who are suspended (internally or externally) will be immediately removed from the senior privilege program.
6. Seniors who have this privilege, but remain in school, must follow their regular schedule.
7. Seniors will not disrupt any school activity or class upon leaving school grounds nor take any underclassmen or senior without privileges with them.
8. The high school administration reserves the right to remove any senior(s) from this program at any time if this privilege is being abused.
9. Senior privileges may only be used for study halls that begin or end the school day. They can not be used for lunch only.
10. Seniors returning for after-school activities must park in the student parking lot.
11. Senior privileges may not begin until the senior is issued a senior privilege card.

This program would be part of the high school scheduling program and would be limited to only those seniors who qualify. Seniors may only apply for senior privilege if they meet the necessary requirements.

Seniors will need a high school administrator's signature of approval for any schedule changes. This policy will be reviewed annually by the high school administrators, department chairpersons and representatives of the senior and junior classes.

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### **Senior Privileges** (continued)

Neither the Board nor its personnel is responsible for seniors who exercise their senior privilege and leave school grounds, nor is the Board responsible for ensuring that only students with the appropriate senior privileges leave school grounds. Similarly, neither the Board nor its personnel is responsible for any actions or failure to act by students who leave school grounds, regardless of whether or not they are entitled to do so.

(cf. 5112 - Ages of Attendance)

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 5113 - Attendance and Excuses)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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