

OPEN CAMPUS

The Board of Education recognizes that an ‘open campus’ provision offers students an important opportunity to balance freedom and responsibility. Eligible high school students shall have the privilege of leaving campus during the time they are not enrolled in classes. However, attendance at each scheduled class is mandatory, unless the student is legally excused.

The following guidelines affect student eligibility for the open campus arrangement:

1. Students in grades 9 through 12 are not required to arrive at school in the morning until their first scheduled class or other obligation.
2. All students in grades 9 and 10 are expected to remain on campus during their entire scheduled school day.
3. Students in grades 11 and 12 may leave the campus if they have no scheduled classes or obligations.
4. A sufficient number of per diem substitute teachers and/or teacher aides will be hired to provide that all 9th and 10th grade students attend either class or study hall when one or more of their teachers is absent.
5. All high school students are required to carry a minimum course load of 5 credits in Grade 9 and 10, 4 ½ credits in Grade 11, and 4 credits in Grade 12. Students must meet the total requirements for graduation. No fewer than 4 credits may be carried in any semester in any grade. These minimum credits must be exclusive of work study or other experiences which entail students leaving campus.
6. Any student in grades 9 and 12 will be assigned to a designated location each period each day if the student's parent/guardian so requires.
7. Identification cards will be issued to all students grades 9 through 12. These cards enable staff to distinguish 9th and 10th grade students from 11th and 12th grade students in order to help enforce the rules. The card will entitle a student to access to the library, to parking space on school grounds, and to athletic events, and entitle 11th and 12th grade students to leave the school grounds during the day, consistent with the above provisions.
8. These rules will be publicized and disseminated to all students and appropriate staff.
9. Infraction of these rules will result in disciplinary consequences. The high school Building Principal and staff will develop appropriate penalties for violators.

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