STERLING HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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> Matthew Sheehan Superintendent



Student Government 3-19-24

Use Minga Other Criteria Grades

A's B's C's

Regular attendance

Absences (no more than 4 in semester and 2 in a quarter)

2 unexcused lateness (at 3 you are excluded)

Discipline referrals

Limit on write ups ____

Immediately taken away if late return to 4th block

4th Quarter Trial

Use Minga daily

Assign only students eligible

ID scan in main office

In and out of the main office

Notify current Juniors of option next year

To Do List:

Find eligible students

Julia will update from Frank Q3 list

Make permission slip

Julia make a form

Add channel in Class of 24 Team. add only those eligible

Get with Mrs. Walsh to add channel for all those eligible

BOE Action Item

Conduct a meeting for those eligible

Minga

Have Frank add a pass button for daily sign out

Emailed Matt regarding meeting or frequency comfort

After meeting with the Student Government representatives, and planning additional practices for the 24-25 school year schedule, we recommend that Sterling Pilot a Senior off-campus Lunch program during the remainder of the 23-24 school year (Q4).

Students may leave for both Study Hall and Lunch (10:18-11:43)

Criteria:

- Seniors only
- Do D's or F's (Current or S1)
- Regular active attendance
 - o no more than 4 in semester and 2 in a quarter
 - 2 unexcused lateness (at 3 you are excluded)
- Limited Discipline Referrals with no suspensions
- Immediately taken away if late to 4th block class

Procedures:

- Utilize Minga to track eligible students and daily sign out
- ID scan sign out in Main office
- Exit and re enter in Main office only
- Parent Permission Slip

Mr. Claybourn,

On behalf of the senior class we have a duty to express the concerns and needs that the students of our class bring to us. Something that we can all agree upon that we think could benefit not only the seniors of our high school and the entire school in general, is off campus lunch. The idea behind this is that at the end of second block, any senior who meets the requirements of this reward will go to the main office, scan their ID and then are permitted to leave and go somewhere else for the duration of 3a and 3b. They must scan their ID back in the school by the start of 4th block which gives students roughly 80 minutes total to go somewhere for lunch.

First and for most, there are some obvious cons to allowing this. It could increase the risk of skipping or being late to school. With this in mind, that is why this would one, only be open to seniors and two, they would have to meet certain requirements. These requirements would be as followed: All A's, B's and C's, up to 2 unexcused latenesses, and must have a permission slip signed stating that they understand that they must be back before 4th block begins. If anything is violated (such as failing grades or being late too many times) it could result in consequences like detention or getting this rewards taken away for a certain period of time.

Besides the risk of skipping or more tardies, this is a great opportunity for students to take some stress off their backs from the school environment. Going into your senior year, many students' brains are fried from college, graduation, essays, etc. Being able to leave for 80 minutes out of the school day and forget about the daily stresses that school brings could increase the mental wellbeing of our students. Furthermore, a big issue at Sterling is how crowded and crazy lunch time can be. With only two lunch periods in the day, there is a lot of students in one place at a time which can be a lot for the staff. This also causes an increase of fights/incitement to fighting. If many students were out of the building at this time, this allows for less chaos, better flow of traffic, and more space in the lunchroom.

Lastly, this allows for students to have more of a choice and opportunity during the school day. Many complain about the lunch provided to us, so allowing for an opportunity to choose is important, especially since many will be moving onto our own lives where all we will have is the freedom of choices. We hope that you consider our proposal to you and how this benefits not only the entering senior class but for future classes after us.

Sincerely,

Ayanna Brown and Senior Class Officers