

InstructionLimited Open Campus

Weston High School has a limited open campus policy. Freshman and Sophomore students are required to be present in school during all scheduled school time, including unassigned periods ("Unassigned Time"), and will be assigned as determined by the administration. Junior and Senior students with an unweighted grade point average of 2.67 in the immediately prior quarter, and who meet the other requirements stated below, are permitted to be absent from school during Unassigned Time.

Junior and Senior students must have parental permission to be absent from school during Unassigned Time. Such parental permission must be in writing on a form approved by the administration ("Limited Open Campus Form") and must be renewed annually. The Limited Open Campus Form must include a waiver of liability for loss or injury occurring while the student is absent from the High School during Unassigned Time. The Limited Open Campus Form must also include as well as an agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the Weston Board of Education, the Town of Weston, and their members, employees, agents and representatives against any liability or loss from any claim, demand, action, cause of action for damage, loss or injury arising while the student is absent from the High School during Unassigned Time. The signed "Limited Open Campus Permission Form" must be on file in the High School. Students who do not have permission on file will not be permitted to leave school during Unassigned Time.

Junior and Senior students who are absent from school during Unassigned Time must demonstrate a consistent appropriate use of Unassigned Time, a positive attendance record, safe and legally permitted operation of motor vehicles (if applicable), and ongoing adherence to school rules. If a student fails to meet any of these requirements, or fails to maintain the grade point average stated above, the school administration may limit, suspend, or revoke the privileges provided under this policy and take further disciplinary action as appropriate. Further, in the case of an emergency, or due to other operational needs, the school administration may limit or suspend the privileges provided under this policy.

Given the many "Unassigned Time" activities at Weston High School, as well as the academic demands of the curriculum and the availability of eating areas, study hall, academic resource centers, library-media center, and extra help available from teachers, students should carefully consider any absence from the school and should discuss the issue with their parents. Furthermore, a student's day should be devoted to activities at the school. The school will function better as an educational institution if the student is present. Therefore, students are generally expected to be in school for the entire school day.

If a student leaves campus during Unassigned Time, the student, and his/her parent(s), must accept all responsibility for his/her actions. Any classes that are missed as a result of leaving the

campus will be considered unexcused absences. In addition to the possible loss of the privileges described in this policy, unexcused absences and tardies carry consequences that are detailed in Policy and Administrative Regulations Number 5113, Attendance and Excuses, and the Weston High School handbook.

The school will provide a mandatory sign out/in process that must be completed by Senior and Junior students when leaving during Unassigned Time and upon returning to school. Failure to complete the sign out/in process established by the administration will result in the loss of the privileges described in this policy for a period of time determined by the administration.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-220

Heigl v. Board of Education, 218 Conn. 1 (1991)

Purzycki v. Town of Fairfield, 244 Conn. 101 (1998)

Policy References: Policy and Administrative Reg. 5113, Attendance and Excuses

Policy Number 5114, Student Discipline

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