



SOUTH EFFINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Torian A. White, Principal

Dear Junior Parent/Guardian,

The first semester of your student's junior year is complete and the anticipation and the excitement of being a senior is about to become a reality. Rising seniors who have six classes to satisfy their graduation requirements may have the opportunity to have one period called "**Senior Privilege Period.**" This is a privilege that will be given to rising seniors to allow them to miss first or seventh period **only**. This privilege must be earned in the second semester of the junior year and may be lost if the student fails to follow the school rules and Senior Privilege Guidelines. To be considered for this exemption, a student must:

- have earned the minimum credits for promotion to grade 12 as required by the local system's policy.
- have less than five absences in each class in the fourth nine-weeks grading period of the previous school year.
- have earned a 70 or higher semester average in 6 of the 7 classes during the second semester of the previous school year.
- have four or less discipline referrals in the fourth nine-weeks grading period of the previous school year.
- be scheduling their fourth year of high school.

If the student meets **all** of the above criteria, he or she may request to be exempted from first or seventh period. The student **must** have transportation because once the period is exempted in the schedule, the student will not be allowed to remain on campus during that time. Those students who opt to exempt their first period class will need to arrive at SEHS a few minutes before second period starts. Those students who opt to exempt their seventh period class will need to leave campus at the conclusion of sixth period. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the exempted period being reinstated in the student's schedule. SEHS will work with students that may have after school activities such as sports, club meetings, etc.

Seniors may have their **Senior Privilege Period** temporarily or permanently revoked at the principal's discretion for violating any rules within the Effingham County Code of Conduct or failing to maintain adequate academic progress in their coursework. If a senior receives **two or more failing grades for the first semester**, his or her senior privilege period will be temporarily suspended and a mandatory Instructional Focus study period will be added to his or her schedule, in place of senior privilege. In addition, if a student is assigned a full day of in school suspension, they may have their senior privilege period temporarily revoked for the day(s) assigned to ISS.

A senior must return a signed **Senior Privilege Consent Form**, which is attached to this letter. The **Senior Privilege Consent Form** must be signed by the student, parent and/or guardian. After the Senior Privilege Consent Form is submitted, the student's counselor will determine which elective course will be dropped based on the scheduling constraints of the remaining required courses. No student is eligible for more than one period of Senior Privilege. Seniors who have been denied this privilege have the right to appeal to the Hardship Committee. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 728-7511 ext. 1334.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lawson
Instructional Supervisor

Request for Early Dismissal during Senior Year Parent Consent Form

Senior Privilege Guidelines

- You must have earned the minimum credits for promotion to grade 12 as required by the local system's policy.
- You must have less than five unexcused absences in each class in the fourth nine-weeks grading period of the previous school year.
- You must have earned a 70 or higher semester average in 6 of the 7 classes during the second semester of the previous school year.
- You must have four or less discipline referrals in the fourth nine-weeks grading period of the previous school year.
- You must be scheduling your fourth year of high school.

Student Section:

I adhere to the guidelines mentioned above. I am aware that if the late arrival or early dismissal from school conflicts with a course I must take, the request for this privilege will not be granted. I am aware that my Senior Privilege may be temporarily or permanently revoked at the principal's discretion for violating any rules within the Effingham County Code of Conduct or failure to maintain adequate progress within my academic coursework.

Student Name (PRINT)

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student email address: _____

Which senior privilege period do you prefer: ____First Period ____Seventh Period

Which non-academic class would you like to drop so that you can have senior privilege? _____

Parent/Guardian Section:

I understand that my son/daughter wishes to be able to arrive late to school or leave school early as a senior. I understand that my son/daughter will be enrolled in six credits instead of seven credits. I am aware that he or she must meet the above listed guidelines for this privilege to be granted. I give my son/daughter permission to have a late arrival or an early dismissal privilege as a senior. I also understand that if the late arrival or early dismissal from school is in conflict with a course my son/daughter must take, the request for the privilege will not be granted. I am aware that my son/daughter may have their Senior Privilege temporarily or permanently revoked at the principal's discretion for violating any rules within the Effingham County Code of Conduct or failing to maintain adequate academic progress in their coursework.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT): _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____