

Series 6000 – Instruction

1. Elementary and Secondary

A. Schedules

(3) Senior Privileges

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

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

- 1. Seniors must take a minimum of 6.0 units of credit with at least 5 courses per semester.
- 2. Seniors must have written parental or guardian consent regardless of their age.
- 3. Seniors who have ~~17.50~~ 18.0 credits completed at the end of their junior year are eligible to apply.

~~4. Seniors must maintain a quarterly GPA of 2.0 with no failing grades.~~

~~4. Rising seniors~~ Juniors must have an ~~fl report card~~ a final grade in each course of C- or higher with no D's or F's to qualify for senior privileges. Seniors must maintain a C- or higher for each quarterly report card throughout their senior year. Failure to maintain a C- or higher will result in loss of privileges for the following quarter. Students may reapply for senior privileges at the end of each quarter should their grades be C- or higher.

~~5.1. Seniors who are suspended internally will lose privileges for one month. External suspension will results in a loss of privileges for the duration of the semester.~~

~~6.5. Seniors who have this privilege, but remain in school, must report to senior study hall.~~

~~7.6. Seniors will not disrupt any school activity or class upon leaving school grounds and are required to sign out with the main office prior to leaving the building.~~

7. Suffield High School values individual civic responsibility. This includes being a respectful, responsible, and positive contributing member of the high school. Students who display behavior not in alignment with this philosophy will be subject to ~~lossing~~ loss of Senior privileges.

~~The high school administration reserves the right to remove any senior(s) from this program at any time if this privilege is abused. Seniors who are approved to come in late due to senior privileges are expected to arrive to their first scheduled class period on time. Once a student reaches 3 unexcused tardies, privileges will be revoked until a detention as been served. Additional tardies will result in the loss of privileges for the remainder of the quarter. (only needed if we keep morning privs)~~

~~Seniors who receive three detentions will lose privileges for the remainder of the quarter. Additional detentions will result in the loss of senior privileges for the remainder of the year.~~

~~Students who accrue more than three tardies will lose their senior privileges for the remainder of the month.~~

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9-8. Senior privileges may only be used for study halls that ~~begin or~~ end the school day. They cannot be used during lunch when a senior has a class scheduled after lunch ~~or during the~~ Wildcat period.

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10. ~~Seniors returning for after-school activities must park in the student parking lot and re-enter the building at the close of the school day.~~

11-9. Seniors applying for Senior privileges ~~midway through the year~~ must wait for admin approval and a schedule change. Senior privileges may not begin until the senior ~~'s is issued a senior privilege card~~ ~~schedule has been changed~~. For Seniors who apply for Senior privileges ~~mid-way through the year, they must wait until admin approves and schedule is changed.~~

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12-10. Seniors must perform 15 hours of community service prior to the privilege beginning. Evidence of community service must be submitted to the office on designated forms and have been completed ~~no earlier than January of~~ ~~no earlier than~~ their junior year.

This program is part of the high school scheduling program and is limited to only those students who qualify. Seniors may only apply for senior privileges if they meet the necessary requirements.

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