

Friday, September 18, 2020

Greetings Parents,

We are now beginning to receive requests for students to arrive late or dismiss early if they have scheduled study halls at the beginning or end of the day. Many, if not all of these requests are due to the fact students can continue learning at home and/or parents have some concern with limiting their child's time in the building to avoid any unnecessary or potential exposure to someone with COVID-19. We understand and want to accommodate as many of these requests as possible.

To begin dismissing students for these purposes, we will need to set some parameters and expectations for all students, grades 9-12, whose parents wish to excuse them from study hall at the beginning or end of the day. We cannot and will not permit students to leave the building during the middle of the day to return later in the day, so we will only allow students to either delay their start to the day or end their day early. The following are some of the initial expectations moving forward for students to be placed on a permanent pass; these may need to be modified as time goes on:

1. Students must demonstrate adequate academic progress and success in all courses; no student will retain this privilege if they fail to meet minimal teacher expectations. Students who do not demonstrate adequate academic progress and success in all courses will be required to attend full days when their respective cohort meets so teachers can remediate, and conference as needed.
2. Students are expected to be engaged online during the traditional instructional time they were scheduled to be in study hall. This is not intended or designed to be an opportunity to work or recreate. Students who fail to be engaged online during these traditional instructional hours may possibly be marked unexcused and/or truant.
3. Students are required to attend Tiger Time on the dates ACP information is scheduled. These dates are set but can be subject to change, so students are expected to pay attention to the announcements to adjust accordingly. Failure to attend ACP lessons can result in being marked unexcused and/or truant.
4. Students assigned to the CRC during study hall are required to attend until all course work has been completed and credit earned. Failure to attend can result in being marked unexcused and/or truant.

Parents who wish to take advantage of this decreased campus exposure are asked to complete this online [form](#). Once a confirmation email has been documented; students will remain on a permanent pass for these hours. Students will be required to exit the main commons doors and checkout with the study hall supervisor.

Again, thank for your support and patience as we continue to review our current practices and modify as we can while the year progresses.

Sincerely,

MHS Administration