

# Junior/Senior Release

## INFORMATION PAGE LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY RELEASE OPTION JUNIOR AND SENIOR STUDENTS ONLY

Junior/Senior students who wish to schedule Late Arrival/Early Release may do so with parent authorization.

If you and your parents/guardians choose this option, remember that you will be responsible for your own unscheduled time and are not to be on the premises unless for a specific task. Please make a responsible decision and conduct yourself accordingly or you may be assigned to Academic Support (Study Hall). We want you to benefit from this opportunity to learn to manage your own time while continuing to fulfill academic goals and obligations.

Junior/Senior students are offered the opportunity to not report to school until their first scheduled class or to leave school after their last scheduled class as their schedule of courses permit. Junior and Senior students requesting this option are allowed to indicate their choice at the time of course selection/registration in February provided that a completed Late Arrival/Early Release authorization form signed by the student and parent was submitted at the same time. Whenever possible, students are granted this request. However, it is not possible to schedule all of the courses requested together with a release. In these cases, the Late Arrival/Early Release request is dropped as a conflict.

**When considering Late Arrival/Early Release, parents and students should make the decision together. It is important that both understand the consequences of the decision and not jeopardize a student's ability to compete for college admissions or similar opportunities by reducing their course load or level of academic challenge in order to generate more free time. Most students competing for similar futures will be taking six or seven courses each of their four years of high school and maintaining a consistent academic profile in their course selection. Do not be lulled into believing, for instance, that students "deserve a rest" or have "earned the right to have an easy load" during the year. Also, if you are in a sport, make sure you are athletic eligible before you sign up for Late Arrival/Early Release.**

Students who do not have a Late Arrival/Early Release in their schedule will be expected to be at school during all periods. Students who fail a course will automatically be placed on academic probation and assigned to Academic Support (Study Hall) in place of their Late Arrival/Early Release where their attendance will be required.

It is possible to lose Late Arrival/Early Release for a semester for the following reasons:

- The student receives an OSS (out-of school suspension).
- The student accumulates more than ten (10) excused absences or tardies in a semester.
- The student accumulates more than one (1) unexcused absence in a semester.
- The student fails a course.

**(Signatures required on opposite page)**

