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5514.01 OPEN CAMPUS LUNCH PROGRAM

The Board of Education authorizes an Open Campus Lunch Program for eligible students in their senior year of Jefferson Township High School. Senior open campus lunch is a privilege that will be open to senior students who meet the following guidelines:

- 1. Eligible seniors at Jefferson Township High School must submit:
 - a. The Open Campus Lunch Program Permission and Application Form, signed by the student's parent and the student, for approval;
 - b. A signed and notarized Jefferson Township Board of Education Open Campus Lunch Program Release Form; and
 - c. A copy of the student's New Jersey driver's license, vehicle registration, and insurance card; along with the license plate information and make/model/year of the vehicle(s) the student will use for the Open Campus Lunch Program privilege.
- 2. To be eligible for the Open Campus Lunch Program, high school seniors must:
 - a. Be in good academic standing having successfully completed the appropriate number of credits to be considered a senior;
 - b. Maintain a passing grade in all classes at the mid-point and end of each marking period;
 - c. Maintain attendance in accordance with district policy and regulation 5200; and
 - d. Be current with all student accounts.
- 3. Any student who demonstrated consistent attendance problems during their junior year, i.e., received more than one attendance letter for either daily or period attendance, will not be able to participate in the Open Campus Lunch Program for the first marking period of their senior year.



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- 4. Senior students placed on academic probation or senior students that have low attendance, a record of truancy, etc. will lose their eligibility for the Open Campus Lunch Program.
- 5. Senior students determined eligible for the Open Campus Lunch Program who report to school late with an unexcused tardy will lose the Open Campus Lunch Program privilege for that school day.
- 6. Senior students determined eligible for the Open Campus Lunch Program who accumulate ten (10) tardies in any class will lose their Open Campus Lunch privilege for the remainder of that marking period.
- 7. Senior students must have a good discipline record as determined by Jefferson Township High School administration.
- 8. Senior students granted Open Campus Lunch Program privileges will have an Open Campus Lunch Program identification card (student ID) and must have the card with them at all times while off-campus during the lunch.
- 9. Each senior student with Open Campus Lunch Program privileges is responsible for their own transportation.
- 10. A senior student who does not return to campus on time, or who fails to report to class on time after the lunch time, may lose Open Campus Lunch Program privileges in accordance with school attendance policies. The failure to return to class on time following lunch will be treated as a cut.
- 11. A senior student with Open Campus Lunch Program privileges may not transport any student during the lunch time in a motor vehicle who does not have Open Campus Lunch privileges.
- 12. Senior students approved for the Open Campus Lunch Program who utilize a motor vehicle during the open lunch must demonstrate compliance with New Jersey State Law and have a valid driver's license with valid registration on the motor vehicle. Any loss of driving privileges by a senior student determined eligible for the Open Campus Lunch Program must report the loss of driving privileges to the high school principal or designee.



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- 13. A senior student's Open Campus Lunch Program privilege is subject to being temporarily or permanently revoked by the Principal or designee if a senior student fails to wear or display the required ID, if the student fails to return to campus on time for the next class, or engages in any conduct that would violate the school Code of Conduct.
- 14. Senior students with Open Campus Lunch Program privileges are strictly prohibited from bringing back food or beverages to be consumed or to be shared with students inside the school building.
- 15. Any senior student eligible for the Open Campus Lunch Program will have the privilege immediately revoked for the remainder of the school year if:
 - a. the student is found using any tobacco or any controlled or dangerous substance in school or away; or
 - b. the student has a positive drug screening during the school day.
- 16. Eligible senior students will be required to present their Jefferson Township High School Open Campus Lunch Program ID cards when exiting the school building and upon returning to the school building from lunch.
- 17. Students will be allowed to depart from the building in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - a. All eligible seniors may leave only following Block C and must return before the start of Block D in a timely manner so as not to be late to Block D.
 - b. All eligible seniors who have a study hall during Block C are allowed to depart from the building at the end of Block B and must return in a timely manner so as not to be late to Block D.
 - c. All eligible seniors who have a study hall during Block D are allowed to depart from the building at the end of Block



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C and must return in a timely manner so as not to be late to Block E.

- d. Any senior who has an academic study hall during Block C or Block D, as per sections 17.b or 17.c above, may have their privilege revoked at the discretion of the high school administration based on a student's academic performance.
- 18. Senior students eligible for the Open Campus Lunch Program privilege will be held to high standards of student conduct when outside of Jefferson Township High School during lunch time. Proper behavior on the road, in the school parking lot, and in the community is expected at all times. In addition to compliance with all school rules and regulations, students must abide by State, county, and local traffic laws.
- 19. Consequences for violation of any policies, rules, or regulations will be at the discretion of Jefferson Township High School administration. Consequences beyond the student handbook may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Administrative warning;
 - b. Two (2) week suspension of privileges; or
 - c. Revocation of privileges.
- 20. Jefferson Township High School administration has the right to prohibit students from leaving due to dangerous or inclement weather (heavy rain, thunderstorm, tornado, hurricane, snow, ice, etc.), safety or security reasons, traffic patterns, outbursts of disruptive or disorderly behavior by the students, or any other circumstance deemed appropriate.
- 21. Senior students will only not be allowed to leave for Open Campus Lunch during half-days or special schedule days (assembly, delayed opening, etc.) at the discretion of the high school administration.



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