

OPEN CAMPUS INFORMATION

THE PROGRAM

Seniors and juniors who have demonstrated academic and social responsibility are eligible to participate in the Open Campus Program. Administered by the assistant principal and coordinated by staff members, this program is supplementary to regular classroom instruction. The goal of Open Campus is to recognize those seniors and juniors who have demonstrated by their behavior and academic progress that they are responsible members of the school community, and to provide them with opportunities to assume increasing responsibility for their own intellectual and social development.

Activities such as driver education, volunteer or paid service experiences, and classroom-related field experiences are available to students who participate in Open Campus. These students are free to go to the library media center, work in the various resource areas of the school, confer with a teacher or counselor, or socialize with other students in the cafeteria. In addition, those seniors who have earned the privilege of the Open Campus Program may also be granted off-campus privileges as part of their Open Campus Program. Permission must be granted in writing by their parent(s)/guardian(s), and provided they have been authorized by the assistant principal in charge of the program or his/her designee to leave campus.

Criteria for Eligibility

To participate in the Open Campus Program seniors and juniors must present the following:

1. Evidence of having earned at least 75 credits prior to entering the senior year, or 50 credits prior to entering the junior year. This information will be obtained from student records.
2. Completion of 30 hours of community service for seniors and 10 hours for juniors.
3. Evidence of appropriate conduct in the school (e.g. A student who has been suspended during the marking term immediately preceding the one in which he/she applies for open campus privileges or who has been suspended during the marking term in which he/she has applied for open campus privileges will not be eligible for Open Campus privileges at that time.
4. A written request signed by their parent(s)/guardian(s). The statement should be submitted to the assistant principal in charge of the program. In the case of a student who is 18 years of age or older, written acknowledgement from his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) is necessary.
5. Application will be accepted and considered for privileges to be granted at the beginning of each quarter
6. Eligibility will be reviewed each quarter. To remain eligible from the end of the first marking term **students must be passing and receiving full credit in all courses.**

Procedure for Application

1. Contracts must be completed and returned to the main office. Please return your form by June 26th, 2009 so that we can process your application. Applications will also be accepted in the fall.
2. The assistant principal in charge of the program will review each student's application.
3. Open Campus contracts have been distributed in homeroom. Those students who are identified as not having fulfilled the criteria for Open Campus will be scheduled for study halls during their non-assigned blocks.
4. Those students who meet the criteria for Open Campus will receive written authorization. Open Campus privilege will go into effect for an individual student **ONLY AFTER HE/SHE HAS RECEIVED SUCH WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION.** Until students are assigned to Open Campus, they must report to the cafeteria or the library during each unassigned period. Students who spend this time **wandering through the school while awaiting notification of assignment to Open Campus will not be granted this privilege.**

OPEN CAMPUS PRIVILEGES

Students who have been granted Open Campus privileges are free to use any of the following areas during their free blocks.

- Library and recessed courtyard by library.
- Cafeteria and courtyard adjacent to the cafeteria.
- Playing field behind the lower gym (for Frisbee) provided a class is not using the field.
- Resource areas, shops, labs, department workrooms/conference rooms, or classrooms for meetings with teachers, art studios, and music practice rooms are available.

PLEASE NOTE:

Students must move to all areas during the regular passing time between blocks. If a student needs to go to any area of the school during class time, a pass will be necessary. Students are to go to their lockers only during passing times.

The skateboard park is off-limits to students during the academic day as is behind the school.

Seniors who have been granted off-campus privileges as part of the Open Campus Program may be off campus during their free blocks. Seniors who leave campus during a free block are to do so during the regular passing time between blocks. Upon return to school they are to go directly to their assigned class or to one of the on campus areas designated for Open Campus students. When leaving the parking lot, students are to exit and enter only via Walden Street. **Seniors who have off-campus privileges and take any freshman, sophomore, or junior off campus without the express permission of an administrator will have their off campus privileges revoked for up to ten weeks.**

Seniors and juniors who have been granted Open Campus privileges are expected to follow all school procedures and regulations in order to retain these privileges. This privilege may be withdrawn from an individual by the administration if it is determined that the individual has failed to meet the academic and behavioral expectations of the school or his/her teachers and/or the stipulations noted in this information sheet.

**If you have any questions, please see the Class Administrator,
Ms. Truslow or Mr. Weinstein.**

In order to be considered for Open Campus your Application Form/Contract must be returned to the CCHS Main Office by the June 18th deadline.

You must receive authorization in writing to participate in Open Campus. Notification will be sent home in the summer mailing.