

Policy

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MERIT PRIVILEGE PROGRAM

The Hortonville Area School Board of Education has established a Merit Privilege Program at Hortonville High School for students who have demonstrated a high level of maturity and personal responsibility. Students earning the privilege would be allowed to leave campus for either one (1) scheduled Study Hall or lunch time (not both). State law permits students to leave the school premises for up to one class period a day. HHS students are expected to be enrolled in six classes one semester and seven classes the other. Seniors, who have earned Senior Release, may only use their Merit Privilege for lunch time.

The intent of this program is to reward students who are doing what parents, administrators and the School Board have said are the most important things for students to be doing in a school setting. The program is designed to provide incentives for students to achieve at a higher level in academic areas and to promote positive behaviors that will improve the overall school environment.

Implementation:

Eligibility Standards:

1. No detentions or suspensions in the previous semester.
2. No more than two unexcused tardies per quarter in the previous semester.
3. Letters of recommendation from three staff members.
4. Written permission from parent or guardian to participate in the program.
5. No library fines or other obligations owed to the office.
6. Overall GPA of 3.6+ OR earned a GPA of 3.6+ in the previous semester. These may be adjusted by agreement of the principal, building team and district administrator to maximize the benefits for students. Adjustments may include a provision for admission to program based upon a percentage improvement in the previous semester.

Maintenance Conditions:

1. No student in the program may have any current violations of the eligibility standards. Any violation would be grounds for immediate suspension of privileges at the discretion of, and for a period of time determined by the principal.
2. No abuse of merit privileges will be tolerated. This would include, but not limited to, specific actions such as bringing lunches into school for friends, or, more general actions that interfere in any way with the general operation of the school as determined by the principal.

Student Handbook

118.33(1)(b), Wis. Stats. - This statute does not apply to Youth Options, Youth Apprenticeship or School-To-Work programs offered at HASD

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