



NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SENIOR PRIVILEGES

The goal of the senior privileges is to allow senior students to make more decisions and show leadership and responsibility in preparation for graduation and the next life steps. We expect students to take this freedom seriously while maintaining school responsibilities. In the past, we have given a 4-week or more “hold” period before privileges are given so students can get back in the rhythm of school and keep up grades and responsibilities. The teachers and administration agree that these standards produce the best results. After the 4 plus week period, students will be able to engage in the senior privileges as indicated below. Students will receive a pass or tag indicating eligibility for senior privileges. In the very unlikely event that students fail to maintain the responsibility of the privileges or fall below a 3.0, the privileges will be removed. Teachers are not responsible to bail out students for late or missing grades.

1. There is a 4-6 week “hold” period at the beginning of the first quarter to make sure students have passing grades and maintain appropriate school responsibilities. Students **MUST** maintain a 3.0 GPA with no F's.
2. After the 10 day add/drop period at the beginning of quarter 1, students will be allowed to take advantage of the following senior privilege **ONLY** before the end of the 4-6 week hold period. A student may leave prior to the end of the school day if his/her schedule consists only of study halls. This privilege must be discussed with Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Demler prior to being granted. Students **MUST** sign in and out at the school office.
3. After the students have passed through the “hold” period, they may engage in the following privileges after communication with a staff member and/or office staff has occurred.
 - Appropriate phone use during study halls: web, emails, texts, etc. Students may **NOT** use phones in hallways during school hours (between 7:30am-3:00pm.) Students may use them in the following places, lunch, bathrooms and in study halls. Before (7:30am) and after (3:00pm) school phone use is permissible but must follow school guidelines. Seniors may **NOT** share their phones or media use with students in other grades or distract others. Earphones must be worn during acceptable use times. Phone use during **ANY** class period is always at the discretion of the teacher, including permission to take the phone into the bathroom.
 - Listen to music during study halls only; not in hallways, between classes or in gym before school, even with earbuds.
 - Appropriate use of weight room during free periods or study hall/lunch time; students must have a spotter and are not permitted to listen to music without earbuds.
 - Appropriate use of computers during free period/study hall when computers are available.
 - Help with elementary student classes, etc., with approval.
 - Lunch outside at picnic tables
 - Leave school to get food or snacks during non-class periods. Food is **NOT** to be bought and brought back to school to share with students in other grade levels or seniors without senior privileges.

NOTE Students **MUST ALWAYS** sign in and out in the School Office when coming and going!
Senior privileges may be revoked if normal school policies are not adhered to.

LOSS OF SENIOR PRIVILEGES

- 1 Detention for any reason = Loss of senior privileges for a week
- 1 Demerit earned = Loss of senior privileges for 2 additional weeks
- ANY phone use that causes a student to be late to class, school or is a distraction will cause a loss of phone privileges for that day and may cause loss of senior privileges.
- Grades. Students who fall below a 3.0 will lose senior privileges the following week. Teachers are **NOT** responsible to squeeze in grades for late or missing assignments after deadlines in order to maintain a student's senior privilege.
- Loss of senior privileges is ultimately the student's responsibility. Our goal is **NOT** to trick or catch you but to help you grow and allow you to enjoy some earned benefits at school.

PLEASE

- Be punctual to school and classes. Three tardies to school will mean a detention and loss of senior privileges for the following week. Being punctual is an important part of any job or responsibility.
- Continue to adhere to the dress code. No earrings (men). No tattoos or ripped clothes.
- Follow through on assignments – complete and submit homework, projects in a timely manner.
- Lack of adherence to normal school/classroom policies will result in the removal of senior privileges.