

LIMITED OPEN CAMPUS PERMISSION FORM
GRADES 11 & 12



ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20

Weston High School has a Limited Open Campus Option for students in grades 11 and 12 that permits such students to leave the high school during unassigned time. Parents/Guardians may grant permission to for their student to leave during any unassigned time, or restrict them to leaving only when unassigned time occurs during the last period of the school day. Juniors and seniors who meet and maintain the academic and behavioral criteria for the Limited Open Campus Option, and who have submitted the completed and signed permission form, may exercise this option. Grade 9 and 10 students do not have the Limited Open Campus Option. A copy of Board of Education Policy 6112.1, Limited Open Campus, is enclosed for your reference.

Criteria for the Limited Open Campus Option include maintaining a quarterly grade point average of 2.67 or better, maintaining a positive attendance record, and adherence to all school and district rules and regulations. Students with campus driving privileges must also operate their motor vehicles in a safe and legally permitted manner at all times. The school administration reserves the right to revoke the Limited Open Campus Option at any time for students who violate school rules and regulations, who do not maintain a positive attendance record, and/or who fail to operate motor vehicles in a safe and legally permissible fashion. Students who do not maintain a quarterly grade point average of 2.67 will lose the Limited Open Campus Option for the entirety of the subsequent quarter.

Students whose parents/guardians give them permission to exercise the Limited Open Campus Option are required to sign out of the building at the Security Desk and use the main doors when leaving. Students who exit the building without signing out in the manner required will forfeit the Limited Open Campus Option for a period of time determined by the school administration. Any scheduled classes that are missed (or to which the student arrives more than 10 minutes late) as a result of a student's leaving campus will be considered unexcused. Unexcused absences and tardies carry consequences that are detailed in the attendance policy of which students and parents should make themselves aware (see WHS Handbook, Board of Education Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113, and Board of Education Policy and Administrative Regulations 5113.2). Students and parents/guardians must accept all responsibility for student behavior when the student leaves school property during the school day.

Parents/Guardians must complete this Limited Open Campus Option Permission Form, indicating whether or not they grant permission for their student to exercise this option. The signed form must be returned to the high school's main office by August 23rd. Parents/Guardians should complete this form regardless of the option chosen, and if this form is not signed and returned as required herein, the student will not be permitted to exercise the Limited Open Campus Option until such time as the fully signed form is properly submitted and recorded. Please note that parents/guardians may change their election on the Limited Open Campus Option Permission Form at any time during the school year by submitting a new completed form to the main office.

If the parent/guardian selects Option A or Option B, he or she must agree to and sign the Waiver, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless Agreement below. In addition, a student who is eighteen (18) years of age or older or an emancipated minor must also agree to and sign the Waiver, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless Agreement. If either the parent/guardian or such student fails to agree to and sign the Waiver, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless Agreement, the student will not be permitted to participate in the Limited Open Campus Option.

_____ **Option A:** Student has permission to leave campus during any unassigned time.

_____ **Option B:** Student has permission to leave campus only when unassigned time occurs during the last period of the school day.

_____ **Option C:** Student does not have permission to leave campus during unassigned time.

Student Name (print): _____

Grade (2019-20) (circle one): **11th** **12th**

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The undersigned understand that the Limited Open Campus Option is a privilege extended by the Weston Board of Education. In consideration for the Weston Board of Education’s agreement to allow the above named student to participate in the Limited Open Campus Option, the undersigned agree as follows:

The undersigned and his/her respective heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, agree(s) not to institute any action or suit of law or in equity against the Town of Weston, the Weston Board of Education and/or any of their agents and employees or institute, prosecute or in any way aid in the institution of prosecution of any claim, demand, action, cause of action for damage, loss or injury arising out of the participation of the above named student’s participation in the Limited Open Campus Option while the student is off school property.

The undersigned further expressly stipulate(s) and agree(s) to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Weston, the Weston Board of Education, and any of their agents and employees, against liability or loss from any claim, demand or action that may be brought by any person, including, but not limited to, a third person, the above named student, the parents/guardians of the above named student, and anyone on behalf of the above named student and/or his/her parents/guardians, if a loss or injury resulting from the above named student’s participation in the Limited Open Campus Option while the student is off school property.

Parent/Guardian:

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Eligible Student Signature (i.e. 18 years of age or older or emancipated minor):

Signature _____

Print Name _____

*****Please Note*****

Parents/Guardians may change the above selection at any time by submitting a new completed Limited Open Campus Permission Form to the main office.

InstructionLimited Open Campus

Weston High School has a limited open campus policy. Freshman and Sophomore students are required to be present in school during all scheduled school time, including unassigned periods ("Unassigned Time"), and will be assigned as determined by the administration. Junior and Senior students with an unweighted grade point average of 2.67 in the immediately prior quarter, and who meet the other requirements stated below, are permitted to be absent from school during Unassigned Time.

Junior and Senior students must have parental permission to be absent from school during Unassigned Time. Such parental permission must be in writing on a form approved by the administration ("Limited Open Campus Form") and must be renewed annually. The Limited Open Campus Form must include a waiver of liability for loss or injury occurring while the student is absent from the High School during Unassigned Time. The Limited Open Campus Form must also include as well as an agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the Weston Board of Education, the Town of Weston, and their members, employees, agents and representatives against any liability or loss from any claim, demand, action, cause of action for damage, loss or injury arising while the student is absent from the High School during Unassigned Time. The signed "Limited Open Campus Permission Form" must be on file in the High School. Students who do not have permission on file will not be permitted to leave school during Unassigned Time.

Junior and Senior students who are absent from school during Unassigned Time must demonstrate a consistent appropriate use of Unassigned Time, a positive attendance record, safe and legally permitted operation of motor vehicles (if applicable), and ongoing adherence to school rules. If a student fails to meet any of these requirements, or fails to maintain the grade point average stated above, the school administration may limit, suspend, or revoke the privileges provided under this policy and take further disciplinary action as appropriate. Further, in the case of an emergency, or due to other operational needs, the school administration may limit or suspend the privileges provided under this policy.

Given the many "Unassigned Time" activities at Weston High School, as well as the academic demands of the curriculum and the availability of eating areas, study hall, academic resource centers, library-media center, and extra help available from teachers, students should carefully consider any absence from the school and should discuss the issue with their parents. Furthermore, a student's day should be devoted to activities at the school. The school will function better as an educational institution if the student is present. Therefore, students are generally expected to be in school for the entire school day.

If a student leaves campus during Unassigned Time, the student, and his/her parent(s), must accept all responsibility for his/her actions. Any classes that are missed as a result of leaving the

campus will be considered unexcused absences. In addition to the possible loss of the privileges described in this policy, unexcused absences and tardies carry consequences that are detailed in Policy and Administrative Regulations Number 5113, Attendance and Excuses, and the Weston High School handbook.

The school will provide a mandatory sign out/in process that must be completed by Senior and Junior students when leaving during Unassigned Time and upon returning to school. Failure to complete the sign out/in process established by the administration will result in the loss of the privileges described in this policy for a period of time determined by the administration.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-220

Heigl v. Board of Education, 218 Conn. 1 (1991)

Purzycki v. Town of Fairfield, 244 Conn. 101 (1998)

Policy References: Policy and Administrative Reg. 5113, Attendance and Excuses

Policy Number 5114, Student Discipline

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