

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: Senior Perk Change

Date: January 25, 2022

Dept: SC

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: yes

Recommendation:

Extending Senior Perks to Include Lunch Block for Students in Directed Study

I recommend approval of the request of Principal Josh Hanna to extend student perks to include lunch block for students in Directed Study as detailed.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u>Vote Tabulator</u>	
C. Bernstein:	Y / N D. McNeill: Y / N
D. Callaghan:	Y / N M. Whitmore: Y / N
Al Charles:	Y / N D Spencer: Y / N
E Stokes:	Y / N Action: _____



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Proposal: Suspension of policy JH – Attendance. This was previously suspended in 2017-2018 when the senior perk of arriving late or leaving early was piloted. FHS is seeking a similar suspension for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year as noted below. If successful, the plan would be to incorporate this into the School Handbook for 2022-2023, with the approval of the School Committee, as handbooks are policy.

As evidenced in the Franklin Public School Portrait of a Graduate, we aim to build skills in the following areas:

- Accurately recognizes and manages one's emotions, thoughts, values, and behavior
- Makes healthy, responsible decisions to achieve well-being
- Applies ethical reasoning and acts with care and integrity

Extending senior perks to include lunch block directed study means that senior students in good standing will be allowed to leave campus during lunch period for students in directed study. This will allow for the practicing of the aforementioned skills. We believe that, as students are about to head off to college, career, military and life, we can trust them with 80 minutes of free time. We will track their departure and arrival from campus through a sign in/out process. Parent/guardian permission is needed to participate in this perk. This adjustment will help with attendance, behavior and grades. Any grade below a C- means students aren't eligible to use Senior Perks, and instead, they will be scheduled into a directed study hall. Here are number of students per day that would have the opportunity to access this perk:

Day 1- D Period 53

Day 2- B Period 65

Day 3- G Period 48

Day 4- E Period 40

Day 5- C Period 42

Day 6- A Period 48

Day 7- F Period 76

Logistical Process:

When students scheduled for directed study are **leaving for lunch block** after their third period class, they *must*:

- Remain in their third period class until the end of the period at 11:10
- Stop to sign out in a book in the hallway outside of the main office
- All students must sign out and leave through the main entrance

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When students scheduled for directed study are **returning from lunch block** after fourth period they *must*:

- Have their ID so that they may enter the building.
- Stop to sign in a book in the hallway outside of the main office
- Arrive in time to check in and make it to their fifth period class on time at 1:05

Failure by our students to follow any of these procedures being put into place could result in the loss of the senior perk.

Area high schools who allow for seniors scheduled for directed study to leave campus for lunch block:

- Holliston
- Needham
- Walpole
- Natick
- Millis
- Hudson
- Hopkinton
- Westwood
- Framingham

Current Senior Perks:

Members of the Class of 2022 that are in **good standing** will be permitted to arrive late to school on the days they have a directed study first period of the day, and leave early from school on the days they have a directed study last period of the day.

In order for students to be considered in **good standing** they must:

- Owe no detention hours, nor have any other outstanding discipline
- Owe no credit recovery sessions
- Be passing all of their classes

When students are **arriving late** after first period they *must*:

- Have their ID so that they may enter the building.
- Report to their house office to check-in
- Arrive in time to check in and make it to their second period class on time at 8:55
- Should students arrive late to their second period class, it will be considered a tardy

When students are **leaving early** after their fourth period class they must:

- Stop to sign out in a book in the hallway outside of the main office
- Remain in their fourth period class until the end of the period, at 1:00

- Students who are scheduled for fourth lunch may leave at 12:33, but must still sign out
- All students must sign out and leave through the main entrance

Failure by our students to follow any of these procedures being put into place could result in the loss of the senior perk.