



Senior Privilege Guidelines

Senior Privilege is a scheduling flexibility option available to select 12th grade students, extending Columbia High School's "open campus" beyond the designated lunch periods. Senior Privilege allows students to reduce their scheduled time at school, enabling students to potentially arrive later, leave earlier, extend their lunch period, and/or utilize an on-campus break in the middle of the school day.

What It Is:

- Senior Privilege allows students to replace their scheduled Study Halls (this does not include Option II Study Halls, as these are in lieu of a Physical Education class, nor Teacher Assistant assignments) with an unscheduled "open" period.
- Senior Privilege enables students to maximize their time studying, participating in extracurricular activities, as well as handling personal matters through flexible scheduling.

When It Occurs:

- Senior Privilege occurs throughout the day from periods 1-8 on a semester and/or full-year basis, depending on the scheduling needs of the student and the scheduling capabilities of the school.
- Students who have Senior Privilege at the start and/or end of the school day may arrive to school later and/or leave school earlier.
- Students who have Senior Privilege before or after their designated lunch period may extend their lunch period.
- When leaving the building for Senior Privilege, students must re-enter through the front door and must do so at the end of that class period.
- Students who have Senior Privilege in the middle of the school day may not leave school (unless adjacent to their lunch period) but may utilize their time more flexibly within the building.
- Students will receive a Senior Privilege access sticker, to be displayed on their student ID, indicating their Senior Privilege class period(s) and duration (Full-Year, Semester 1, and/or Semester 2). This will allow students access to specific authorized spaces in the building during Senior Privilege.
- Students may visit the Library, Cafeteria (during lunch periods), and/or Alumni Commons during Senior Privilege, however, hanging out in the hallways (and/or other unauthorized spaces) is not permitted.

How to Qualify:

- Students must be 12th graders (as indicated by having earned a minimum of 90 course credits).
- Students must be in good standing (having no unserved detentions, nor ongoing attendance or disciplinary issues).
- Students cannot have a Teacher Assistant assignment during the period that they are applying for Senior Privilege.

Where to Apply:

- Students must complete [applications](#) online by **Monday, September 14th**.
- If approved, students and their parents/guardians will be notified via e-mail during the week following the deadline and their study hall will be changed in their schedule to Senior Privilege.

Things to Consider:

- Senior Privilege is a privilege – and, as a privilege, it may be revoked. To remain eligible for Senior Privilege, students must continue to maintain good attendance and behavior throughout the school year.
- Senior Privilege offers some of the flexibility more often found at the college level while at CHS. Enjoy and make good use of it!

If you have specific questions about Senior Privilege that are not addressed here, feel free to reach out to Senior Class Assistant Principal, Mr. Obwoye, at lobwoye@somsd.k12.nj.us.