

# **2025-26 BVHS STORM CHASERS**

(Incentive Study Hall Program)

*Bureau Valley High School is excited to continue its Storm Chasers program for this school year. As defined below, Storm Chasers is an incentive program that rewards students for excelling in four areas: class grades, attendance, discipline, and ISBE state assessment scores.*

## **Benefits of Storm Chasers placement:**

- Option to opt-out of all semester finals
  - Must have all unweighted grades higher than a B- (81.5% or higher) on a date selected by the school administration that is no more than five school days before the semester final review day.
- Recreational activities (weightlifting, gym games, etc.) during study hall
- Access to cell phone, earbuds, and socialization area during study hall
- Treats (soda, cookies, etc.) on random days during study hall
- Select early dismissals from study hall for juniors and seniors
  - Frequency and specific dates to be determined by administration
- Opportunities to lead peer mentoring, passion projects, service activities, etc. during study hall
- Continued access to study hall labs (i.e. Math lab, English lab, Science lab, etc.)
- Certificate of recognition at end-of-year assembly or graduation

## **Benchmarks into Storm Chasers:**

- Unweighted grades of B- (81.5% or higher) in all classes during the previous semester, and **ONE** of the following from the previous school year:
  - A current senior who received a score of 18 or higher on the ELA section and 19 or higher on the Math section of the ACT test on the 2024-25 School Test Day.
  - A current junior who received a score of 15 or higher on the ELA and 18 or higher on the Math section of the PreACT 10 Secure test on the 2024-25 School Test Day.
  - A current sophomore who received a score of 14 or higher on the ELA and 17 or higher on the Math section of the ACT 9 Secure test on the 2024-25 School Test Day.

## **Criteria to remain in Storm Chasers:**

- Meet the aforementioned benchmarks at the start of each semester
- Receive no disciplinary referrals at any point, including for multiple tardies
- Receive no unexcused absences, or have excessive absences (based on school code)