

PURPOSE: To remove study hours on Sundays and any other day that students are travelling back to school.

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SECTION ONE (REASONING):

With MSMS's challenging courses, the school has put in place study hours to ensure students are studying and building good habits for the future. These hours are helpful to students during the week, however they become a burden and stressor when students have to juggle them with long drives coming back to campus.

When students are driving back to school, they must arrive on Sunday before 6:30 p.m. if they have study hours. Many students live 4-5 hours away from campus, meaning they must leave significantly earlier than others to make it to their dorms on time. Students stressing about travelling could forget to pack necessary items for school and are more likely to rush on the road, leading to increased reckless driving and speeding incidents. Additionally, even if these students leave with plenty of time to arrive on campus by the beginning of study hours, unexpected conditions like heavy traffic and road work could still delay them, resulting in more pressure for them to rush on the road.

Without Sunday and traveling day study hours, students would feel more relaxed when driving. Additionally, the already instated 10p.m. yellow card curfew would ensure students still arrive on time for room checks and able to get plenty of rest before school the next day. With the entire weekend at students' disposal to allocate time for studying and work, it is unnecessary and oftentimes unsafe to also require study hours on Sunday.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

Study Hours - Courses at the school are rigorous and require students to fully apply themselves. To help students reach their full academic potential, a study time during the school week (~~Sunday~~ Monday – Thursday)* is an important part of the school program.

**If students return to school on any day other than Sunday, they will not be required to participate in study hours that night to allow for travel.*

SECTION THREE (APPENDIX):

“It's hard for me to focus on studying after a four-hour drive.”

- Lee Faul

“I definitely feel rushed sometimes. Leaving the house at 1p.m. to make it to school on time makes it feel like my weekend is cut in half.”

- Anonymous

“It’s annoying to have to come back to campus early when I make a point to get all my weekend work done on Saturday. It feels like I’m being penalized for planning ahead.”

- Anonymous