

PURPOSE: To change the requirement of having no Cs for O Plan to being able to have one C and to change the requirement of having no Cs for Premium Plan to being able to have two Cs.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

Students should be allowed to have one C and still qualify for the best privilege plan (O plan) and two Cs to be eligible for the second-best plan (Premium plan). The O plan requires a grade average between 93-100, and the Premium plan requires an average of 87-92.99. Many students who achieve these grade averages but have one or two Cs are often balancing heavy course loads or challenging subjects. A single C doesn't necessarily reflect their overall academic performance, especially if they excel in other classes. Despite meeting the general grade requirements, denying them access to the privilege plans is unfair and doesn't account for the full context of their efforts and achievements. It is also unfair that a student could meet every requirement for O Plan and be demoted to extended plan simply for having one C. Privilege plans are also based on only the previous nine weeks, meaning that a student could have an A or B semester grade but have a C quarter grade and still be put on a lower privilege plan. This is not accounted for in the current system.

Additionally, students with a heavy course load or difficult schedules may encounter a few setbacks that result in Cs, but this should not disqualify them from accessing privileges they've otherwise earned. It's important to recognize that an occasional C does not mean a student is underperforming in all aspects of their education. By being more flexible with the grade requirements for these privilege plans, MSMS can create a system that better reflects students' overall efforts, challenges, and achievements rather than focusing on a single metric. This approach ensures that hardworking students with high averages but challenging schedules are not unfairly penalized for a few lower grades.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On pages 121-122 (PDF pages 127-128), under the section "PRIVILEGE PLANS," the following would be changed to:

**THE "O" PLAN
(Only offered to seniors)**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA		PRIVILEGES
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GRADES	• Percentage Average: 93-100 or All A's • No NCs and no C's no more than one (1) C		LIGHTS OUT	Regular
VIOLATIONS	• No more than two Level I written warnings • No Level II or III		CURFEW	Regular
SATURDAY SCHOOL	• No more than 1 hr assigned for academic reasons		STUDY HOURS	3 days a week not required (remember that others will be studying)
EXTRACURRICULARS	• Participation/Membership in 2 activities, clubs, sports, or organizations during the previous 9 weeks		TV TIME	• Ends 12:00 a.m. Sunday – Thursday • Study hours – on nights not required
ATTENDANCE	• No unexcused absences • No more than two tardies during the nine-week period		SIGN OUT LIMIT (weekend)	7 hours
WORK SERVICE	• Outstanding rating		CAR USE	• Monday – Thursday for general errands [4 hours; local; in by 10:00] • 5 general purpose sign-outs [4 hours; local; in by 10 p.m.] • 3 special event sign-outs [48 hours prior permission from the Hall Director]
RESIDENTIAL LIVING	• Outstanding rating			
WELLNESS	• Outstanding rating			

THE “PREMIUM” PLAN
(Available to juniors and seniors)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA		PRIVILEGES	
GRADES	• Percentage Average: 87-92.99 • No NCs and no C's no more than two (2) C's	LIGHTS OUT	Regular
VIOLATIONS	• No more than three Level I • No more than one Level II • No Level II Exceptions • No Level III	CURFEW	Regular
SATURDAY SCHOOL	• No more than 2 hrs assigned for academic reasons	STUDY HOURS	Two days a week not required (remember that others will be studying)
EXTRACURRICULARS	• Participation/Membership in 2 activities, clubs, sports, or organizations during the previous 9 weeks	TV TIME	• Ends 12:00 a.m. Sunday – Thursday • Study hours – on nights not required
ATTENDANCE	• No unexcused absences • No more than two tardies during the nine-week period	SIGN OUT LIMIT (weekend)	6 hours
WORK SERVICE, RESIDENTAL LIVING, & WELLNESS	• Two Outstanding ratings and one Satisfactory rating	CAR USE	• 2 times Monday – Thursday for general errands [4 hours; local; in by 10:00] • 4 general purpose sign-outs [4 hours; local; in by 10 p.m.] • 3 special event sign-

				outs [48 hours prior permission from the Hall Director]]
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SECTION THREE (APPENDIX):

RESPONSE 1 (ANONYMOUS PLUS MEMBER):

“As a parent, I would fully support this change, allowing my child to be on the O or Premium privilege plan even if they had one or two Cs, as long as they still met the required average grade. I understand that a single C or two doesn’t necessarily mean they aren’t working hard or achieving overall academic success, especially when they’re taking on a challenging course load. If they can maintain the 87-92.99 average for Premium or the 93-100 average for O, that clearly reflects their dedication and capability, and it would be fair to reward them accordingly.”

RESPONSE 2 (ANONYMOUS PLUS MEMBER):

“I see no reason why having a C in a class should hinder students from obtaining high-level privilege plans. Assuming that the student in question has the minimum average requirement for the plan and doesn’t exceed 1 or 2 C’s, and their parents agree, it shouldn’t affect the student.

Allowing students in this situation to qualify for these plans would not only relieve some of the pressure but also acknowledge the hard work they’re putting in across their classes. I would feel comfortable knowing that my child has earned their privileges through their overall performance, and I believe this adjustment would encourage students to push themselves academically without the fear of losing privileges over one or two difficult classes.”