

PURPOSE: To allow proper enforcement of weekly study hours

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SECTION ONE (REASONING):

Study hours are a staple at MSMS, and frankly one of my favorite traditions. However, it absolutely burns me up when I observe my fellow peers ignoring the laws defined in our handbook. Proper enforcement must be in place to ensure that students are practicing study hours on their respective days, practicing study hours correctly, and not engaging in any tomfoolery.

I propose a new set of rules, modern rules if you will. While my proposed changes might appear controversial, I have the best interests of the students in mind. Let's be frank: if students are not mandated allotted time to study each night, when will they get it done?! This is not a school for fun, socialization, or community. This is an opportunity for excellence! With fantastic rules like study hours already existing, all we need is a proper iron fist to make sure students are kept in line.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On page x of the Student Handbook (PDF page x) under the section "Study Hours" the following would be changed to:

CURFEW AND EVENING HOURS

COURTESY HOURS ARE IN EFFECT TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS A DAY

Definition of Terms –

1. **Courtesy Hours** – RL.35. At no time should the noise from a student's room or common area be loud enough to disturb others (i.e. loud enough to be heard at the next door).
2. **Study Hours** - Courses at the school are rigorous and require students fully to apply themselves. To help students reach their full academic potential, a study time during the school week (Sunday – Thursday) is an important part of the school program.
 - RL.36. During the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., students must be in the library, the residence hall, or an academic building for tutorials. If students desire to study in another student's room in their residence hall, they must leave a note on their door indicating the room number of the room they will be in. In order for students to have students who are not their roommates in their rooms to study, they must have their roommate's permission. During these hours, TV's are turned off, and there is no inter-hall visitation. Students are expected to be in the approved areas from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and sign in/out when changing areas. **If they are found out of area during**

- allotted study times, they will be exterminated on sight. Methods may vary depending on personal preference, but flames are recommended for minimum mess.
- RL.37. During study hours, students are not allowed to play computer or video games. Cell phones may be used for academic purposes. Conversation in designated study areas should be kept to a minimum. Students who desire to study with music must use headphones. • Parents are strongly encouraged not to call students during study hours. Failure to comply with technology requirements will result in Cell phones or computers being smashed with a sledgehammer that all Res-Hall Assistants carry around via belt loop. Students will be forced to clean up glass shards with bare phalanges as extra punishment. Students caught talking will be forced to wear a sign that reads “I was talking during study hours; throw eggs at me” during one month of A-days. Students who listen to music without headphones will have their eardrums burst via Q-tip.
 - RL.38. All students are required to participate in study hours for the first quarter of their junior year. After that, students may earn privileges to miss study hours. For more information about privilege plans, please go to that section in this handbook. Chosen days off for study hours are decided on one day and will not be changed under any circumstances. To prevent confusion arising from unchangeable study hours, students will be expected to tattoo the first initial of the weekday of their preferred study hour on their foreheads. For days that share the same first letter, two letters are required.
 - RL.39. If students need to miss study hours, the Director for Academic Affairs must grant permission in advance and will determine how the hours are made up. For each study hour missed, students are expected to sacrifice one toe nail. This successfully limits a student to five days a year.
 - ~~RL.40. Students may order food for delivery at the residence halls during study hours, but they are responsible for being at the door of their residence hall when the food arrives. Residence Life staff members will neither open the door for student deliveries nor notify students when orders arrive. After students receive their food, they should return to their studies.~~ A proper student is fully satisfied with their own academic enrichment, therefore, no food delivery orders will be tolerated. If food is delivered during a student’s allotted study time, it will be given to Mr. Robinson.
 - Shall a student need to relieve themselves, they are expected to provide a bucket to keep beneath their desk chair. Enrichment and a quest for excellence shall not be paused by the bladder.