

PURPOSE: To allow for students to sign themselves out after prom with written/mailed parental proof.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

Because the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science is a one central school for juniors and seniors all over the state, some students are from cities that are nearly five hours away. This means that sometimes having a parent present to sign their child out is not feasible. On special occasions such as prom and winter formal, parents had to be physically present to sign their child out. However, this is not the case for any other weekend. In some scenarios, the parent would have to not only drive a significant amount of time but also buy a hotel room. This is unnecessary and expensive when the same outcome could be achieved with written/mailed permission from the parent relieving MSMS of liability of their child.

SECTION THREE (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

Page 114 of the 2024-2025 MSMS Student Handbook:

PART C: STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In addition to the activities related to wellness dimensions, there is a wide variety of activities ranging from dances and parties to intramural sports and trips off campus. Most of the activities offered by MSMS are free of charge. When the number of participants is limited, students may be asked to sign up. Occasionally, students will be asked to pay the price of admission to special events. The fee may

be forfeited if the student fails to go on the trip. Any student needing assistance paying for a ticket should talk with the Director for Student Affairs. Suggestions for activities from students are sought and encouraged through various committees or by simply passing on the suggestion to one of the staff. Some activities may require out-of-state travel.

Parent permission to sign out overnight must be emailed or turned in with other permissions in a sealed envelope with said parent's signature over the seal. If fraudulence is suspected MSMS administration reserves the right to email the parent for verification. If a student is caught forging their parent's signature, it will result in a Level 2 or higher.

Unexcused Absences

Because both human and fiscal resources are committed to planned activities, students who sign up to participate and miss the activity without receiving prior approval to be absent, will be charged with an unexcused absence. For instance, if you agree to go on an academic or non-academic field trip and decide the day before that you are not going, the absence will be unexcused if the sponsor does not approve the absence. If students miss the first 10 minutes of an activity, he/she will be reported as having an unexcused absence.