

PURPOSE: To change eligibility for privilege plans and remove Individualized Assistance Plan

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE:

SECTION ONE (DEFINITIONS):

QPA - Quality Point Average. Often used interchangeably with GPA on a 4.0 scale. Example QPAs are 4.0, 3.5, 2.6, etc. QPAs are calculated by adding the Quality Points for each class and dividing by the number of classes. The Quality Points scales are the following: A - 4.0, B - 3.0, C - 2.0, NC - 1.0. For example, if a student took 7 classes and made 6 A's and 1 B, their QPA would be calculated as $\frac{4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 3}{7} = 3.9$.

SECTION TWO (REASONING):

The current eligibility for privilege plans considers percent averages for students. Since PowerSchool doesn't calculate percent averages, they must be calculated by hand by residence life staff and administration for each student. This slows the distribution process for privilege plans, often taking many weeks before they're handed out. PowerSchool does calculate QPAs, though, so those could be used in place of percent averages to ensure privilege plans are given out in a timely manner.

For similar reasons, the extracurricular requirements for privilege plans should also be removed. Tracking extracurricular involvement is a serious burden on administration and residence life when considering who qualifies for privilege plans. Clubs typically don't have a list of all members or a sufficient way of tracking who is actually remaining involved in the clubs.

The IAP also carries a very strong negative connotation. Increasing the chances for eligibility of Extended and Premium plans and making the Standard plan into the new IAP will help to get rid of the connotation of being on the plan. Students on the new Standard plan would still have the same constraints as students on the current IAP, but more students would be eligible for Premium and Extended plans, while their privileges would not change.

SECTION THREE (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On page 121 (PDF page 127) under "Section VI: Privilege Plans" of the Student Handbook, the following would be changed to:

THE “O” PLAN

(Only offered to seniors)

Eligibility Criteria

Privileges

GRADES	● Percent Average: 93-100 or All A's ● QPA: 3.8 - 4.0 ● No NCs and no C's	LIGHTS OUT	Regular
VIOLATIONS	● No more than two Level I written warnings ● No more than 1 level I ● No Level II or III	CURFEW	Regular
SATURDAY SCHOOL	● No more than 1 hr assigned for academic reasons ● No Saturday School	STUDY HOURS	Three days a week not required (remember that others will be studying)
EXTRACURRICULAR	● 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 in the nine week period	SIGN OUT LIMIT (weekend)	7 hours
WORK SERVICE, RESIDENTIAL LIVING, & WELLNESS	● Outstanding in all	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]
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THE “PREMIUM” PLAN
(Offered to juniors and seniors)

Eligibility Criteria

Privileges

GRADES	• Percent Average: 87-92.99 • QPA: 3.0 - 3.79 • No NCs and no C's		LIGHTS OUT	Regular
VIOLATIONS	• No more than three two Level I • No more than one Level II • No Level II Exception • 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)
EXTRACURRICULAR	• Participation/Membership in two 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 in the		SIGN OUT LIMIT (weekend)	6 hours

	nine week period		
WORK SERVICE, RESIDENTIAL 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 10:00 p.m.] 3 special event sign-outs [48 hours prior permission from the Hall Director]

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

Eligibility Criteria

Privileges

GRADES	Percent Average: 83-86.99 - QPA: 2.5 - 2.9 - No NCs	LIGHTS OUT	Regular
VIOLATIONS	- No more than three Level I - No more than one Level II - No Level III - Students with no Level III violations in the previous 3 nine-week periods can petition the Executive Director	CURFEW	Regular
SATURDAY	No more than 4	STUDY HOURS	One day a week not

SCHOOL	hrs assigned for academic reasons			required (remember that others will be studying)
EXTRACURRICULAR	Participation/Membership in one activity, club, sports, or organization during the previous 9 weeks		TV TIME	Ends 12:00 a.m. Sunday-Thursday
ATTENDANCE	- No more than one unexcused absences - No more than three tardies in the nine week period		SIGN OUT LIMIT (weekend)	5 hours
WORK SERVICE, RESIDENTIAL LIVING, & WELLNESS	Outstanding for one and Satisfactory for the other two - Satisfactory in all three		CAR USE	1 time Monday-Thursday for general errands [4 hours; local; in by 10:00] 3 general purpose sign outs [4 hours; local; in by 10:00 p.m.] or special events

THE "STANDARD" PLAN
(Available to juniors and seniors)

Eligibility Criteria

Privileges

GRADES	Percent Average: 80-82.99 - QPA: Below 2.5 No more than one NC		LIGHTS OUT	Regular
VIOLATIONS	No more than		CURFEW	Regular

	- four Level I • No more than one two Level II • No Level III • Students with no Level III violations in the previous 2 nine-week periods can petition the Executive Director		
SATURDAY SCHOOL	• No more than 6 hrs assigned for academic reasons	STUDY HOURS	Required
EXTRACURRICULAR	• N/A	TV TIME	• Ends 11:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday
ATTENDANCE	• No more than one two unexcused absences • No more than 4 tardies in the nine week period	SIGN OUT LIMIT (weekend)	• 4 hours (weekend) • With permission (weekdays) • Students on Standard Plan must obtain sign-out permission from the Residence Hall Director, Director of Student Affairs, or Director for Academic Affairs to leave campus during the week
WORK SERVICE, RESIDENTIAL LIVING, & WELLNESS	• Satisfactory for all three	CAR USE	• 1 time Monday-Thursday for general errands [4 hours; local; in by 10:00] • 3 general purpose sign-outs [Arrange with Hall Director] • Only on weekends

~~INDIVIDUALIZED ASSISTANCE PLAN~~

~~Students not meeting the minimum criteria to remain eligible for the Standard Privilege Plan shall have an individualized program designed and developed to meet their particular needs. If the student has more than one NC grade, excessive unexcused absences, or 6 hours of Saturday School for academic reasons, the Director for Academic Affairs and/or the student's counselor will discuss the situation with the student and develop an Individualized Assistance Plan (IAP). If the student has a sufficient number of violations or an unsatisfactory work service rating, the Director for Student Affairs and/or the student's Residence Hall Director, Work Service Supervisor, or Activities Director will, similarly, discuss the situation with the student and develop an IAP.~~

- ~~• Students on IAPs are allowed to sign out 2 hours at a time on Fridays (beginning at 2:00 p.m.) and privileges occur until Sunday at 6:30 p.m.~~

~~Students on IAPs must obtain sign-out permissions from the Director for Student Affairs, Director for Academic Affairs and their respective Residence Hall Director to leave campus during the week.~~