



In an effort to encourage high schools to instill responsible student behavior, the Metropolitan Nashville Public School District has developed the following policy to govern off-campus lunch:

At the discretion of the principal, seniors who meet certain criteria relative to attendance, punctuality and behavior may be given permission by their parents to leave the school campus for off-campus lunch. Criteria shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Only seniors may be considered for this privilege.
- Students must meet acceptable academic and behavioral standards as determined by the school and must follow all rules contained in the Code of Student Conduct. This privilege may be revoked for an individual who does not meet these criteria.
- Students must sign in and out, specifying their destination.
- Students must return on time for class.
- Revocation of the privilege for an individual, a group, or the entire class, temporarily or permanently, will be at the discretion of the principal.
- Principals must have a letter on file in the High School Office stating their intent to participate before beginning this program.

#### Driving Off-Campus

- Students may be permitted to leave campus in motor vehicles during an off-campus lunch under the following conditions:
  - Students may not be permitted in any vehicles during an off-campus lunch unless the lunch period is 45 minutes long or longer.
  - Students who drive off-campus must show proof of insurance.
  - Students who transport passengers must possess and show a valid *Intermediate Unrestricted License* or a *Regular Driver's*
- *License* as defined by regulations of Tennessee State law (see the Tennessee Driver Handbook).
  - Schools permitting students to drive off-campus must obtain a photocopy of the student's driver's license and automobile insurance card.
  - Parents must present written permission in person or submit a notarized permission statement authorizing the student to participate in this program as a driver and/or a passenger. The permission document will include provisions waiving any claims against the school system for liability for any injuries,

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personal, or property damages incurred to or by the student or the student's property. All custodial parents or guardians must sign the permission document.

The off-campus lunch program is optional for students who meet the above criteria.