

Senior/Junior Privilege Early Release Program 2025 - 2026

Juniors and seniors, get ready for an exciting new opportunity! Dupo High School is introducing an **Early Release Privilege** that gives you the chance to leave school early for independent study.

If you qualify, you'll be able to leave the building at 2:20 after completing the required part of your 7th-hour Guided Advisory. The qualifications for this program are outlined below, along with the rules and regulations you'll need to follow.

Program Procedures:

- **Contracts:** Students and guardians must sign the *Early Release Privilege* contract. The contract indicates understanding and willingness to abide by program expectations and guidelines. **NOTE:** *Parents and/or administration may revoke a student's privileges at any time. Please notify the office to do so.*
- **Procedures & Regulations:** Program procedures, expectations, and consequences will be reviewed at the end of each quarter. At that time eligible students will be notified.
 - From that point forward, juniors and seniors eligible for the *Early Release Privilege* will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the program.
 - For attendance purposes, the office will indicate those with *Early Release Privileges* in teacher ease.
- **Change in Status Notification:** Students and Parents will be notified of any status changes. Status checks will start at the end of each quarter for the next quarter.
 - No notification means the student qualifies for the same privileges.
- **Mandatory Activities:** All Juniors and Seniors must be present for school activities such as spirit week, assemblies, and special guest speakers. Therefore, students should not plan to leave early during specially scheduled events.
- **Students Released Time Schedule:** Students must leave immediately at the bell and not linger in school hallways, bathrooms or other areas of the building.
 - Regular School Days students may leave at the 2:20pm Bell
 - 2pm Early release days students may leave at 1:35pm Bell

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must not have any grade lower than a C.
- No disciplinary referral writes up (Restarting quarterly)

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- Good attendance (Not considered truant, which means no more than 9 absences of any kind.)
 - If this limit is passed, the student is immediately ineligible for the remainder of the school year.
- Students must check in with Guided Advisory teachers and complete any required work.
- The Eligibility Criteria is subject to a case-by-case review. The District reserves the right to modify or revise the criteria for individual students with special circumstances. Including Medical, religious, or other, exemptions by State and Federal Law.

Infractions and Consequences:

The administration may revoke the *Early Release Privilege* for any and all students at any time if it is in the best interest of the individual student or school. Privileges will be revoked in the event of infractions to this contract.

- **Tardiness:** If a student reaches tardy level of 6th for tardiness. He or she will have the privilege revoked until the end of the quarter
- **Loitering:** If a student is supposed to leave and is hanging out in the halls, bathrooms or other parts of the building, he or she can lose the *Early Release Privilege*.
- **Students need to stay:** If a student chooses to stay please make predetermined arrangements with his or her Guided Advisory instructor and abide by all expectations and procedures.
- **Major Referral:** If a student is issued a major referral, he or she will be under administrative review with the possibility of losing *Early Release Privileges* for the remainder of the year.

Loss of Privileges explained:

- Privileges are not applicable for any time period in which the student does not meet the grade minimum requirement in all classes. Weekly checks will be conducted.
- Loss of privilege will result from accumulating 6 tardy's in a quarter in any class.
- Loss of privilege will result from being issued a major referral.

Please remember that these are privileges, not rights, they will be taken away if the guidelines are not followed.