

**BOARD POLICY**

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Students

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**OPEN/CLOSED CAMPUS**

The Board of Education, in order to provide a supervised, safe, and orderly environment for the students of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, establishes a "closed campus" for students in grades K-11. The board finds that school facilities and resources are adequate to serve the lunchtime needs for all of our students K-12. The board further believes that a closed campus benefits students by encouraging them to participate in school activities, rather than following other pursuits which may occur in an unsupervised environment. Once students arrive at school, they must remain on campus until the end of the school day unless they have been signed out by their parents/guardians and/or received permission from school authorities to leave for a specific purpose. Students who leave campus without such authorization shall be classified as truant and subject to disciplinary action.

As authorized by Education Code 44808.5, the governing board established an "open campus" at district high schools for eligible seniors. Seniors shall not leave the school grounds during lunch without an authorized pass obtained from the school office and authorized by their parent or guardian. By allowing our eligible seniors to leave campus during the lunch period, the board entrusts them with an opportunity to demonstrate responsible behavior and good citizenship. Seniors may not leave at any other time during the school day without written authorization of their parents/guardians and/or permission of school authorities. The privilege of open campus for seniors may be revoked from individual students for disciplinary reasons, such as tardiness or a failure to return for their next period prepared for class.

Parents who authorize their student to leave campus at any time during the day assume all liability and responsibility for their student. The district, board members, and district employees shall not be liable for the conduct and/or safety of seniors who leave school grounds during the lunch period (Education Code 44808.5).

Legal Reference:	<u>Education Code</u>	Section 44808.5	Permission for pupils to leave school grounds
Cross Reference:	<u>Board Policy</u>	Section 5113 Section 6145	Absences and Excuses Re. Equal Access

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