

**OPEN/CLOSED CAMPUS**

**Closed Campus**

In order to keep our high school students in a supervised, safe, and orderly environment, the Governing Board establishes a "closed campus" at all District high schools. Once students arrive at school they must remain on campus until the end of the school day unless they have brought written authorization from their parents/guardians and 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.

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

The Board finds that school facilities and resources are adequate to serve the lunchtime needs of all of our students. The Board further perceives that a closed campus benefits students by encouraging them to participate in school activities, rather than following other pursuits which may not be in their best interests. The requirement to keep students on campus is part of the Board's efforts to maintain a safe school climate and to reduce afternoon absenteeism.

The administration shall provide educational, recreational, organizational, and social opportunities for students during the lunch period. Students who have finished eating shall always have a quiet place to read or study.

Student handbooks shall fully explain all rules and disciplinary procedures involved in the maintenance of the closed campus.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*44808.5 Permission for pupils to leave school grounds; notice*