EARLY RELEASE OPTION FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

The Early Release Option is an earned privilege available to Juniors and Seniors at Butler High School. It may be revoked due to disciplinary action taken by a school administrator or teacher. Also, the parent/legal guardian may revoke this for their student at any time. When this privilege is revoked, students shall be placed in study halls for the remainder of the semester. Seniors may be released up to a maximum of 2 periods at the end of the school day. Juniors may be released up to a maximum of 1 period at the end of the school day. The actual time of day that they are released may vary according to the school schedule for that day (early release, late arrival). Students who participate in the early release option must leave the school premises at the early release time each day. They are not to remain in the building or on the school property, nor be on any other school property throughout the district while school is in session. If the student has an after school activity, they must return to that activity after school has been dismissed.

Requesting early release does not automatically ensure that the student will receive the maximum number of early release periods, if at all. Due to balancing of scheduled classes, students may have to be placed in a study hall or choose another class if they cannot be released the desired number of periods, if any at all. The scheduling of this early release option does not take precedence over the scheduling of any classes. Class sections will not be changed in order to accommodate early release. Athletes must pay special attention to the number of classes scheduled and passing in order to be eligible to participate according to the OHSAA and Vandalia-Butler City Schools’ athletic guidelines.

The Vandalia-Butler City School District is not responsible for the safety or well-being of a student once released from school grounds during this early release option.

To qualify for Early Release Option, juniors and seniors must meet certain requirements and maintain their eligibility for the entire year. Eligibility is checked at the end of each grading period, and any student who fails to maintain eligibility will have his or her Early Release Option suspended until such time as they become eligible to have it reinstated. Students who fail to qualify for Early Release Option may re-apply at the end of each grading period; if they qualify, they will be given a Early Release Option for the next grading period. A student’s Early Release Option may be revoked at any time during the school year by the student’s parent or guardian, or by the Administration as a disciplinary consequence. The final decision on any student’s receipt of an Early Release Option rests with the administration.

To qualify for Early Release Option, students must complete and submit an Early Release Option Application to the Main Office. This Application must be signed by the student’s parent or guardian, and must include a viable contact phone number that allows the school to contact the student’s parent or guardian. In addition, students must meet the following criteria:
* all required school forms must be completed and on file in the office;
* no outstanding financial obligations;
* a grade point average no lower than 2.500 (non-weighted);
* passed all five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test;
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* no more than two (2) tardy to school in the previous grading period;
* no more than three (3) excused absences from school in the previous grading period;
* Zero (0) unexcused absences from school in the previous grading period;
* assigned no more than one (1) Friday School in the previous grading period;
* assigned no In-School Suspension in the previous grading period;
* assigned no Out-of-School Suspension in the previous grading period;
* no deficiencies in credits or State testing for graduation purposes.

The Administration will advise students when they have been approved to have an Early Release Option. No student should act as if they have been granted an Early Release Option until they have been advised by the Administration they have one. Students who leave school early without an Early Release Option because they believe they have one will be considered to have left school grounds without permission, and will be disciplined accordingly.
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**Application**

1. Student enrolled in BHS, as a full-time student, classified as a junior or senior, may become eligible for dismissal from studyhall.
   a. Seniors may be released up to a maximum of 2 periods at the end of the school day.
   b. Juniors may be released up to a maximum of 1 period at the end of the school day.

2. Students must maintain a quarterly GPA of no less than 2.50 (non-weighted) for the preceding marking period in order to be eligible for the early dismissal. Eligibility will be determined at the end of the each grading period. Once a student fails to meet the GPA eligibility requirement, he/she will be ineligible for Early Release Option for the following grading period. Other reasons which could result in revoking the privilege are:
   - all required school forms must be completed and on file in the office;
   - no outstanding financial obligations;
   - a grade point average no lower than 2.500 (non-weighted);
   - passed all five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test;
   - no more than two (2) tardy to school in the previous grading period;
   - no more than three (3) excused absences from school in the previous grading period;
   - Zero (0) unexcused absences from school in the previous grading period;
   - assigned no more than one (1) Friday School in the previous grading period;
   - assigned no In-School Suspension in the previous grading period;
   - assigned no Out-of-School Suspension in the previous grading period;
   - no deficiencies in credits or State testing for graduation purposes.
   - permission form completed but not signed by parent/guardian.

3. The administration reserves the right to take this privilege away at such a time a student abuses the privilege.

4. Parent or guardian permission will be accepted by the signing of the release.

5. Students being dismissed **must leave** school property by the beginning of the next class period, and remain off all other school property.

6. Early Release is not official until the student is notified in writing and the study hall teacher has been notified.

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I have read the above statement and hereby give consent for my son/daughter,  

_________________________ for Early Release.

Student name

Student Signature: _______________________; Student name printed

Parent Signature: _______________________; Parent name printed

_____Approved   _____Not Approved

Administrator Signature