

# Walter Johnson High School

## Open Lunch Policy

WJ is one of many schools in Montgomery County that have some form of open lunch. Students are allowed to leave school grounds during lunch provided they adhere to the following rules. Our purpose is to inform and explain these rules so open lunch will be a positive and safe experience for everyone: students, staff, parents, merchants, and the community. ALWAYS REMEMBER, OPEN LUNCH IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT! ***It will be taken away from students who do not adhere to the rules.*** Students who have been assigned lunch detention are to remain on campus. Parent or Guardian may rescind their child's open lunch privilege. However, remaining on campus is the responsibility of the student just as attending class is the responsibility of the student. If the student is found off campus, parents will be notified and consequences will be applied.

### ***STUDENTS LEAVING THE WJ CAMPUS DURING OPEN LUNCH ARE EXPECTED TO:***

- Leave school grounds in a safe, orderly manner and **return to school prior to the start of 5th period.**
- **Obey the campus speed limit (10 mph).**
- **BEGIN TO RETURN TO SCHOOL BY 11:20 AM.**
- Behave properly and do not loiter. The area behind Giant and other shopping centers is **off limits** at all times. The Westmoreland Building on Rockledge Drive is **off limits**.
- Respect the rights of shoppers, community members and merchants. Remember, students represent WJ.
- Graffiti on the property will not be tolerated. Students are expected to show respect to others' property as they would their own property.

During lunch students are allowed to eat on the first floor (100 level) of the building. Students are not permitted to eat on either the ground (Glevel) or second (200 level) floors unless they are with a staff member.

### **STUDENTS MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HELD DURING LUNCH AT WJ**

**Student Support** – Academic help is available from teachers, parents, business partners or members of the National Honor Society.

**Teacher Tutoring** – See the appropriate teacher.

**Career Center** – Take advantage of the many resources available: college catalogues, career information, computer search programs for college admission and financial aid, etc.

**Counseling Services** – All counselors are on duty throughout the lunch period and are available without an appointment on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Clubs and Organizations** – Many clubs and organization meet during lunch. Pay attention to the TV announcements for meeting times and room locations.

**College Seminars** – Often there are presentations on colleges during lunch. Pay attention to the TV announcements, or ask your guidance counselor about college seminars.

**Media Center** – Open during lunch.