

EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Early Release Program is available only to Seniors who have met the following criteria:

- Has successfully earned the number of credits required for status as a senior (18 credits) and is on track for graduation, not needing any extra course work to meet graduation requirements in the summer following their senior year
- Has reliable transportation or a means of leaving campus immediately at the beginning of the block assigned for Early Release
- Has enrolled in or earned credentials to meet accountability standards for one of the following areas
 - Non-Credit Work Course
 - Credit Course:
 - Off-campus or on-line Dual Enrollment course through an approved institution (e.g., Maranatha Baptist University, Bob Jones University, Wallace State, or Jefferson State)
 - Work-Based Learning/Cooperative Education for CTE elective

Seniors who have met these requirements may submit the following information for approval by the Head of School:

- Early Release Program Application with student and parental signature
- Specified Enrollment Forms
 - Work Supervisor and Contact Information
 - Dual Enrollment acceptance letter and course schedule

Upon submission of the application and respective forms, the school Head of School will conduct a thorough transcript analysis to determine eligibility. The office will then notify students and parents will be notified of eligibility. Any senior (or family) participating in the Early Release Program must understand that the following restrictions and cautions apply:

- Seniors who play a varsity athletic sport may still be enrolled in the Early Release Program and participate in school games and activities, regardless of time missed during the school day. However, they must be enrolled in the program in order to have their Dual Enrollment or work hours excuse their missed school day hours.
- Seniors in the Early Release Program must leave the campus immediately and depart for their respective work or learning location. Any student found hanging around campus or absent from their assigned workplace/campus is subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including:
 - Removal from the Early Release Program
 - Placement back into scheduled classes at Tabernacle
 - Administrative disciplinary action
- Seniors enrolled in a non-credit course should be aware that it may affect their status in vying for academic honors (e.g., Valedictorian).

- Seniors are not excused from Senior Fundraising Events and will need to make plans with their work or Dual Enrollment responsibilities in order to attend the fundraising activities and/or events.
- **Parent Liability:** Once the student leaves campus for Early Release, the parent assumes liability for the student; the student is no longer the liability of the school.