

520 Open Campus Policy

This policy is in regards to the combined block of Lunch and Wellness between 12:22-1:25

- Only 11th and 12th Grade are eligible for Open Campus.
- Open Campus is available every school day (assuming there is no required Wellness activity and it is not a community day).
- In order to participate in Open Campus, students must fill out a sign in/out sheet when they leave the building and when they return.
- Students must have a GPA of at least 3.0
 - Permission slip sent only to parents of students with GPAs of 3.0 or higher.
Students must request a slip and then turn in the signed permission slip to participate in Open Campus.
 - GPA Minimum of 3.0 based on the prior semester, not current or cumulative.
 - If a student or a student's parent believes they are a special instance and should be exempt from the 3.0 requirement, they may appeal to the UMA High School Student Government.
- If a student returns to the school building before 1:25 (end of lunch), they must go to wherever the rest of their grade is eating lunch.
- If a student returns late, Open Campus privileges are revoked for said student for 30 calendar days (not school days).
 - Late qualifies as arriving to class anytime after 1:28
 - Acceptable reasons for being late:

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- Serious injury (requiring immediate medical attention or that hinders one's ability to travel).
- Giving emergency assistance to someone in need.
- If a student is late for any other reason but thinks it was unpreventable, they may appeal to the High School Student Government for a pardon; the Student Government will decide their consequence (suspension or no suspension).
- If a student returns late a second time, they will receive a 60 day Open Campus suspension. If a student returns late a third time, they will receive a 90 day Open Campus suspension. If a student returns late a fourth time, they will be suspended from Open Campus for the remainder of the year.
- If a student returns late within the last 30 days of the school year, their consequence will carry over to the following school year.
- If a student is caught abusing or misusing the privilege of Open Campus, they will be banned for a length of time that matches the actions of the corresponding student. Worse actions will mean worse consequences. We will not tolerate...
 - Any violation of the Upper Mississippi Academy Student Handbook (found on the UMA website).
 - Anything illegal, for example:

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- A report of a public disturbance will mean a 60 day suspension of Open Campus privileges for the student that is at fault. A second instance will mean a year long (365 day) suspension.
 - Vandalism of public or private property will mean a year long suspension from Open Campus. A second instance will mean Open Campus privileges are permanently revoked.
 - Illegal substance use will mean an immediate, permanent revocation of Open Campus privileges.
 - Other student infractions will have similar consequences.
- If granted parent/guardian permission (on the permission slip), students will be able to ride in the vehicles of other students.
 - The number of students allowed to ride with a student driver will match the state law regarding provisional licenses.
 - Upper Mississippi Academy does not assume any liability or responsibility for students including transportation during their time off campus per the Open Campus policy.
 - Students must agree to follow the Open Campus policy in order to participate.