

Advanced Academy of Georgia
Parental Approval Form for 18 Year Old Academy Student Exceptions

The following is from pages 27-28 of the 2011-2012 Academy Student Handbook. Please read this entire section carefully before signing this form:

Academy students who reach the age of 18 and have successfully completed one semester in the Academy may be granted exceptions to certain Academy policies under the following conditions:

1. The student must have demonstrated that he or she is mature and responsible enough to be eligible for these exceptions. Any student who has received 30 or more points in any given year while in the Academy, or has reached 30 points for the current year at the time of his or her 18th birthday, will not be eligible. Any exceptions to this policy will be at the Director's discretion.
2. The student must be performing well academically and have a 3.2 or better GPA (each semester and cumulatively) in their University classes. Any reports that the Academy receives during the semester will be taken into account as well. If the student would not have a 3.2 GPA based on the reports received during the semester, he or she will not be eligible for these exceptions. Any exceptions to this policy will also be at the Director's discretion.
3. The Academy views this as an important decision to be made by the student with his or her parents or legal guardians. The staff strongly urges parents to consider the consequences for their son or daughter should they be allowed this additional freedom and to take into account their understanding of their son's or daughter's maturity. If the parents or legal guardians do not submit this signed permission form, then the 18 year old Academy student is required to follow all Academy policies. **Parents have the right to revoke these exceptions at any time by notifying the Academy Student Life Supervisor by phone and in writing.**

ONLY the following exceptions to Academy policies will be granted to those students who meet the criteria listed above. **The exceptions allowed are for increased personal freedom outside of Gunn Hall. All policies that affect behavior WHILE INSIDE Gunn Hall will still apply. The Academy is first, and foremost, intended to be a safe, structured environment, and those who are not 18, or not granted these exceptions, should not have to live in a compromised environment where the policies vary for different Academy students.**

1. The student will not be required to follow all of the policies concerning curfew. He or she will be able to leave campus and return at his or her own discretion and will be not required to sign in or out in either the "Green Book" or "Blue Book." The student is still expected to remain on, or return DIRECTLY to, his or her own wing between 11 pm and 6 am Sunday through Thursday nights and 12 am and 6 am Friday and Saturday nights. **The student CANNOT go to the opposite gender's wing during curfew hours, or remain in the main lobbies without permission, and will lose these exceptions for doing so.**
2. All visitation policies still apply, except the student may visit other on campus and/or off campus housing and residences in Carrollton/Carroll County. **However, the alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs "zero tolerance" policy still applies, as well as any other policies regarding acceptable and legal behavior.**

These exceptions will be withdrawn if the student accumulates 30 points, or receives a semester GPA of less than 3.2. These exceptions are a privilege, not a right, and are expected to be viewed as such. This was a new policy for 2010-2011 and the success of the policy will be constantly evaluated by the Academy throughout the year since the program is still relatively new. The Academy reserves the right to alter this policy as deemed necessary throughout the year, based on individual situations and problems that may arise. Any changes to the policy will be clearly communicated through email and floor meetings.

Any student wishing to be considered for these exceptions will need to make an appointment with the Academy Student Life Supervisor. In addition to the signed permission form, parents will be sent an email and asked for a response verifying their understanding of this policy. These are measures that will be taken to make certain that all parties understand the exceptions and any possible repercussions.

I acknowledge that I've read the policy explained above and give my permission for my son or daughter to be granted the exceptions to the Academy policies as indicated. I understand that I have the right to request that my son or daughter return to following all of the Academy policies at any time by sending a signed, written statement to Christie Williams, the Academy Student Life Supervisor.

Student's Printed Name _____

Parent's Printed Name _____

Parent's Signature

Date