Closed Campus Script

El Camino is a closed campus. This means more than you think.

**Early Dismissals:**
Your parents expect you to be under supervision by the school from the time you arrive until the end of the school day or until the end of a school event. Thus, once you get here you must stay (even if the start of school bell hasn’t rang yet) until the end of the school day. In order to leave early, you must get permission from both a parent/guardian, and the school. Do this by getting an “Early Dismissal” from the Attendance Office.

If you leave early without getting an early dismissal, you’ll get a referral to administration, even if you got permission from a parent. One of the many reasons for this is because we as a school must know where our students are at all times. If there was an emergency like a fire, earthquake, bomb threat, active shooter, etc., the police chief or fire chief will come to the principal and ask, “Is everyone accounted for?” And if you’ve left without an ED, she’ll have to say, “No, please put yourself and your staff in danger to look from room to room for __________ (insert student name).”

**Out of Bounds:**
Even while on campus, there are some areas that are out of bounds. Out of bounds areas are typically areas that are not well-supervised; for example, the south side of the locker rooms, the locker rooms if a teacher isn’t present, the blacktop basketball courts at lunch, and the parking lots. Being caught in an out of bounds area will result in a referral to administration for disciplinary action.

**No Loitering:**
A closed campus means non-students cannot be on campus during the school day. Nor can they be on campus after the school day unless it is to attend a school event or conduct school business (e.g., picking up a son/daughter). Parents dropping off food for their student is not an example of legitimate school business.

A closed campus further means that even actual students cannot be on campus just hanging out after school or after a school activity. This is called loitering, and it’s not allowed. Students must leave campus within 20 minutes of the end of the school day or after school events or risk a referral to administration for disciplinary action. There is no expectation of supervision 20 minutes after the end of the school day or school events.

Some school events like football and basketball games do not end at predictable times. In those cases, it requires some advance planning and good communication with parents before the end of the game to make sure you’re picked up before the 20 minute limit.