



9GC Families,

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the implementation plan for using the 5- Star Students program as a follow-up to the [message sent on Friday](#).

Why the 5-Star Students Program?

The safety and well-being of our students remain our utmost priority. Given our large secondary campuses, keeping track of students' movements during the school day can be challenging. 5 Star Students addresses this challenge by providing real-time information related to hall passes, which is crucial to enhancing campus safety and security. For example, in an emergency, this technology allows us to swiftly locate all students outside the classroom at a moment's notice.

Hall Pass Procedure Clarification:

App Usage is NOT Mandatory: It's important to note that while the 5 Star Students App is available for students to download, its usage is not mandatory. Students will have access to the website via their school-issued Chromebook.

- **Chromebook Usage:** To initiate the hall pass process, students must use their school-provided Chromebooks to log in to the 5 Star Students. This will grant them access to all the necessary components of the system.
- **Restroom Use:** We recognize that restroom breaks are essential for student well-being and focus. Therefore, there will be no limit to the number of available restroom passes. Usage will be monitored so that hall pass overuse can be addressed individually to ensure students are not excessively missing instructional time.
- **Checking Out of Class:** When a student needs to leave the classroom for any reason, they should notify the teacher, then log in to 5-Star Students via their Chromebook, indicate the purpose of going (restroom, nurse, counselor, etc.), and then proceed to exit the classroom. Chromebooks will remain in the classroom.
- **Attendance Office Usage:** The attendance office will also utilize 5-Star Students to send digital hall passes to students leaving for various reasons, including parent check-outs, athletics, activities, and more.

We're excited about this improved implementation plan and confident that these updated procedures have addressed the feedback we received. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Curtis Whiteley

9GC Principal