

Effort and Academics

Students fail at Trinity-Pawling only when they fail to try. To support this philosophy, the School has developed a unique system – unlike that at any school – with reward based upon effort in various aspects of life here: academic, attendance, athletic, extracurricular, work program and dormitory.

Notice that the reward is not based upon *achievement*, as with a traditional academic honor roll, but upon *effort*. The greater the overall effort, the greater the privileges and independence; the less one tries, the more restrictions are placed on one's lifestyle.

At the middle and at the end of each term, effort is evaluated by each faculty member with whom there is a direct relationship: classroom teachers, dormitory masters, coaches and extracurricular advisors. Attendance and discipline records are also evaluated. Students are then placed in one of the five Effort Groups and enjoy the freedoms and are subject to the restrictions that are delineated for that group. These figures are then totaled to determine the effort group. Returning students will begin the Fall Term rated on the basis of their performance when they completed the previous school year.

<i>Weight Factors</i>	<i>Level of Effort</i>	<i>Group Rating</i>
1. Academic Effort 30%		<i>group average</i>
2. Academic Achievement 20%	1. Superlative	Group 1: 1.00-1.75
3. Dormitory 15%	2. Commendable	Group 2: 1.76-2.50
4. Work Program 10%	X 3. Acceptable	Group 3: 2.51-3.25
5. Attendance-Discipline 10%	4. Poor Group 4:	3.26-4.00
6. Athletics 10%	5. Unsatisfactory	Group 5: 4.01-5.00
7. Activities 5%		

Privileges for each effort group:

Group 1

1. No required breakfast.
2. No required daytime study hall.
3. No required evening study hall (check in with corridor supervisor before 7:30 p.m.).
4. Three Saturday weekends per group rating period.
5. Unlimited Sunday leaves, 11:15 a.m. — 7:30 p.m. with an adult.
6. Sunday town privileges until 5:00 p.m.
7. Return from weekends at 7:30 p.m.
8. Snack bar privilege at 9:15 p.m.

Group 2

1. No required breakfast.
2. No required daytime study hall.
3. Evening study hall in dormitory.
4. Two Saturday weekends per group rating period.
5. Unlimited Sunday leaves, 11:15 a.m. — 7:30 p.m. with an adult.

Group 3

1. All meals required.
2. Supervised daytime study hall.
3. Evening study hall in dormitory.
4. One Saturday weekend per group rating period.
5. Unlimited Sunday leaves, 11:15 a.m. — 7:30 p.m. with an adult.

Group 4

1. All meals required.
2. Supervised study hall, daytime and evening.
3. One Saturday weekend per group rating period.

4. Four Sunday leaves, 11:15 a.m. — 7:30 p.m. with an adult.

Group 5

1. All meals required.
2. Supervised study hall, daytime and evening.
3. Supervised Saturday evening study hall.
4. No Saturday weekends.
5. Four Sunday leaves, 11:15 a.m. — 7:30 p.m. with an adult.

First-Month Privileges for New Students

New students cannot be fairly placed in an effort group until they have had an opportunity to prove themselves in this system. Therefore, all new freshmen, sophomores and juniors will begin with the following commitments until the first group ratings are calculated in mid-October:

1. All meals required.
2. Supervised daytime study hall for 9th and 10th graders.
3. Evening study hall in dormitory.
4. One Saturday weekend prior to the posting of the first group rating.
5. After the second Sunday of the Fall Term, unlimited Sunday leaves, 11:15 a.m.—7:30 p.m. with an adult.

Seniors

Seniors play an important role in the life of the School. They are the leaders and role models for the underclassmen and are expected to act accordingly. As such, they have certain responsibilities which must be maintained. Seniors are granted certain privileges because of their position in the school. However, it is understood that such privileges are incumbent on each senior meeting his responsibilities in a mature and thorough manner.

Senior effort will be calculated by the above system as for all students. All seniors in groups 1, 2, and 3 will also receive the following privileges:

1. Campus privilege Sunday - Friday until 11:00 p.m. following 10:00 p.m. check-in with dorm master. In bed by midnight.
2. Campus privilege on Saturday until midnight following 11:00 p.m. check-in with dorm master.
3. Town privileges until 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 6:30 p.m. on Sundays.
4. Departure for weekends at 11:15 a.m. pending no other scheduled commitments.