

Off-Campus Worship Form A

NOTE: Before a student may be transported to an off-campus worship service, this form must be signed and returned to your child's houseparents for their initials. Please read the guidelines on the back of this form and then type or print clearly below:

STUDENT'S LAST NAME:		STUDENT'S FIRST NAME:
GRADE:	STUDENT HOME MAIL CODE:	STUDENT ID#:

Please write the name of the house of worship that you would like your child to attend.
Please verify that this house of worship is listed on the Off-Campus Worship Directory.

Please check mark the religious heritage in which you would choose to nurture your child:

Catholic
 Protestant
 Jewish
 Muslim
 Buddhist
 No Affiliation
 Other (specify) _____

Family's present House of Worship: _____

Address: _____

Religious Leader: _____ Telephone: _____

Student has experienced (a copy of the certificate should accompany this form):

Baptism	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: _____
First Communion	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: _____
Bar/Bat Mitzvah	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: _____
Confirmation/Membership	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: _____
Shahada	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: _____

Please check mark the activity(ies) requested:

<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Worship	<input type="checkbox"/> Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation
<input type="checkbox"/> On-Campus Christian Programming	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Preparation
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Shahada Preparation
<input type="checkbox"/> CCD/Catholic Religious Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Parent/Sponsor signature: _____

NOTE: Before a student may be transported to an off-campus worship service, this form must be signed and returned to the Office of Religious Programs. Incomplete forms will not be processed and the student will not be permitted to attend the off-campus house of worship. By signing this form, you give MHS permission to share your address information and telephone number with the house of worship for direct contact with you. This information is provided on a need-to-know basis in compliance with all federal and state confidentiality codes. **If you prefer that your address and telephone number NOT be released to the off-campus house of worship, please indicate by checking here _____ .**

To be completed by Religious Programs office

DATE RECEIVED:	DATE ENTERED:	DATE COPY OF FORM WAS SENT TO HOUSEPARENTS:
NOTES TO HOUSEPARENTS:		

Off-Campus Worship Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Off-Campus Worship (OCW) program?

The Off-Campus Worship program is a voluntary opportunity for MHS students to experience and participate in a formal worship service in their own denominational tradition. This opportunity is provided in addition to the compulsory Chapel service on Sunday mornings. This program provides weekly transportation to and from the local churches listed in the Off-Campus Worship Directory. While Off-Campus Worship is not a compulsory service, it is encouraged and provided by the Religious Programs office.

Who may participate in the Off-Campus Worship program?

Any MHS student in grades K–12 may participate in this program, with prior approval of the student's parent/sponsor through the submission of this form to the Religious Programs office. A student's houseparents may accompany him or her to a worship service on an *occasional* basis, should they deem it necessary or beneficial for the student. However, Off-Campus Worship transportation is not open for regular participation to anyone other than MHS students.

What houses of worship are included in the program?

An Off-Campus Worship Directory (OCW Directory) listing the houses of worship to which our students are regularly transported can be found on page 41 of this calendar. Most denominations of the Judeo-Christian tradition are represented.

What must the student do to participate in the Off-Campus Worship program?

The student's parent/sponsor must submit this completed and signed Off-Campus Worship Form (OCW Form A) to the Religious Programs office.

The student's houseparents will be notified when he or she is able to begin attending the designated house of worship. Upon return to campus each week, the student must present a program bulletin from the house of worship attended to the houseparent.

A student may visit any house of worship listed on the OCW Directory twice before being required to have an OCW Form A completed and signed by his or her parent/sponsor. In this instance, the Permission to Visit a House of Worship Form B (available from the Religious Programs office) must be completed and signed by the houseparents. In order for the student to continue attending this house of worship, the completed OCW Form A must be submitted to the Religious Programs office.

Houseparents shall not force or coerce a student to attend Off-Campus Worship. It is the responsibility of the parent/sponsor to encourage such attendance with their child. If a parent/sponsor requests Off-Campus Worship and the child refuses to go, it is the parent's/sponsor's responsibility to discipline the child's behavior. Our religious policy prohibits any adult forcing or coercing a student to attend a religious event or service against his or her will, including an approved one.

May a parent/sponsor transport a child to an Off-Campus Worship service?

A parent/sponsor, having notified the student's houseparents 48 hours prior to the date, may transport a student to Off-Campus Worship after the Sunday Chapel service. The student must be signed out at the student home before leaving MHS. Students may not leave directly from Founders Hall unless the Director of Religious Programs has granted permission otherwise.

All students leaving campus on MHS-provided OCW transportation must also return to campus on MHS-provided OCW transportation. Students may not take MHS-provided OCW transportation to a house of worship and return to campus with the parent/sponsor or any other person.

What should a student do if he or she has a problem during the Off-Campus Worship experience?

A student experiencing any type of problem or having any concern about his or her Off-Campus Worship experience should report the same to his or her houseparents immediately upon returning to the student home after the Off-Campus Worship experience. The houseparents, in turn, will contact the Religious Programs office and further inquiry will be made. In order for a concern or problem to be addressed relating to the Off-Campus Worship experience, the student or his/her houseparents must initiate the inquiry. In extraordinary cases of inappropriate adult behavior, service to a house of worship may be temporarily suspended until a thorough investigation of a charge is concluded.

What happens if a student behaves inappropriately at an Off-Campus Worship service?

If, at any time, a participating house of worship contacts the Religious Programs office providing information regarding inappropriate behavior on the part of a participating MHS student, the student will be subject to the appropriate procedures under the MHS Uniform Discipline Policy.