Stay-in-school rule proposed for seniors

Walled Lake seniors would be re-quired to stay in school all day, ex-cept in "extreme cases," under a recommendation drafted by a com-mittee studying new graduation re-

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The proposal would make it tougher for senlors who have received the
necessary 22 credits for graduation
to go home early or leave school for
work, said Carl Pacacha, assistant
superintendent for secondary instruction.

The commendation, part of a reper supmitted last week to the
Walled Lake Board of Education,
surfaced because education ranks

behind after-school jobs and, in some cases, going home to watch television, Pacacha said.

BUT THE proposal, which would require all high school students to enroll for six class periods a day, drew some resistance from school trustees who questloned whether it would be too strict on teens who have jobs.

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Trustee G. William Knight, however, appeared interested in the plan, suggesting that one way to enforce it would be to increase the number of credits needed for graduation to 24.

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Walled Lake School District

The Walled Lake district serves students in part of the northwest corner of Farmington Hills

day requirement could be waived in "extreme cases," such as when a student needs to work to help support a

dent needs to work to help support a family.

The recommended graduation requirements, which would take effect for the class of 1994, or the present eightherace class, stemmed from a study conducted by a 16-member panel of educators. The proposed changes would reflect the first major revisions since 1985, when the number of required credits rose from 20 to 22.

The recommendations, which may

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282-4747 573-4900 lows students to earn credit for per-forming community service, though the committee suggested a more thorough study of the program in 1990-91.

Recommending that college-bound students take three or four years of foreign language.

 Ellinating the math portion of the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) test, which is undergoing changes, as a diagnostic tool to determine the math graduation requirements. The local district's math teachers would develop an alternative way of identifying students in need of remedial help. be fine-tuned before being presented to the school board next month for approval, include:

• Keeping the number of credits needed for graduation at 22, includ-Keeping the number of credits needed for graduation at 22, includ-ing 14 in required subjects and eight electives. The 22-credit requirement is the same currently in effect in other nearby districts, such as West Bloomfield.

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• Allowing math or science credit for such vocational education classes as electronics, accounting education classes as electronics, accounting education continuing a program that al.

• Considering shorter class periods so that an additional period or two could be added to each day.

• Continuing a program that al.

school hours or offer Saturday classes for students who want to take courses they cannot fit into normal school hours.

Studying ways to recognize the completion of the high school program for special education students, such as offering a differentiated diploma. Meanwhile, the committee recommended the rejection of several other proposits, such as increasing social studies requirements from 2.5 credits to 3; requiring all students to take at least one year of foreign language; allowing marching band classes as a waiver for physical education credits; allowing participation in two sports to qualify as a half-eredit waiver for physical education; and dropping the weighted grading scale for advanced placement courses.

Surplus food now available

Surplus commodity food will be given out from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the Tuesday, April 17, at St. Alexander's Catholic Church, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills.

The food, distributed through the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, includes canned beans, penant butter, flour, green beans, honey, canned pork, raisins, and butter.

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Income eligible Oakland County
persons who have not registered for
the 1989-90 Surplus Commodity
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Food Program, may register the day of the distribution.
They must bring proof of total household income for the last 90 days, Social Security card, and some



type of ID with them in order to register for the commodities.

Seniors citizens (persons 60 and over) who attend a senior center to pick up their commodities should contact the center for pickup date and time.

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Also, homebound seniors should contact their nearest senior center to register for homebound delivery.

There are some changes in the registration process starting this month. Anyone who is not already registered is reminded to bring proof of total household income. This is very important.



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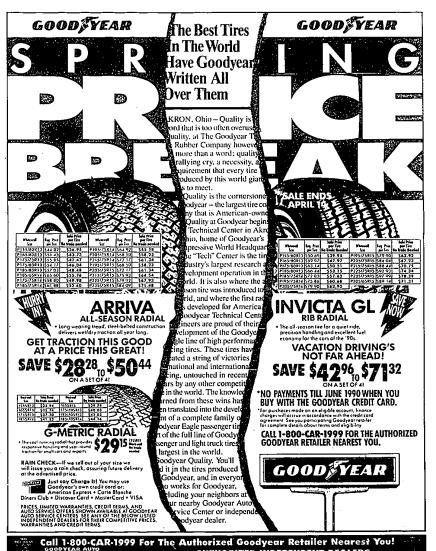
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