

Transition to 5 Block Schedule for 2023-2024 Update 12/19/22 School Committee Meeting

- Preparing the Program of Studies for 23-24 - Currently Ongoing
 - Classes that need to be removed due to minimal enrollment
 - Look at Enrichment classes to see what could become either a half or full credit elective
 - Submit new classes by Department
 - This process follows past practice: New courses were due to the Principal by 12/14 and then with the Curriculum Director, they will approve new courses. This includes Enrichment classes becoming academic classes.
 - Write the updated Program of Studies
 - Prepare our School Counseling Department for the updated Graduation Requirements and the new Program of Studies
 - Late January and into February presentations to students
 - We need to make sure Staff understand all the changes prior to scheduling
 - Prepare for Freshmen Teaming
 - Who will be teaching the cores?
 - Determine how this will run in the 5 block schedule
 - Seminar curriculum - will we need a committee to plan
 - Common prep block for teamed teachers
 - Do we have just one counselor for 9th grade?

- Update Credit Requirements
 - Met with internal stakeholders to determine any changes to be made to Policy IKF on December 12, 2022.
 - This includes graduation requirements and early graduation process.
 - Recommended to increase graduation requirements from 25 to 27
 - Recommended increasing required core credits in Math, Science and Social Studies by 1
 - Recommended reducing required elective credits by 1
 - Civics and English 12 would be required senior year courses
 - Personal Finance was also recommended to be a required course in the senior year but from a scheduling stand point it makes sense to have it continue to be a junior/senior year requirement

- Modifying our Current Advanced Placement Courses - Met during the ERD 12/14
 - Determine prerequisites for AP courses
 - Is there a minimum requirement for student enrollment for a class to run?
 - How do we address the loss of instructional time? Is Spartan Time an option for this?
 - How do we modify our curriculum?

- Pairing AP classes to go every other day for specific grade levels
- Discussed AP Capstone Diploma

- Scheduling For School Year 2023-2024
 - New course approval 12/19/22
 - Program of Studies Complete by January 3, 2023
 - Schedule Cards modified and apply rules to Infinite Campus for scheduling - January 20, 2023 complete
 - Scheduling with current students, SJHS 8th graders, St. Thomas 8th graders, and Acton 8th graders - February
 - Finish student schedules and work with Department Chairs on number of sections for courses - March
 - Run Scheduler/Edit schedule - April
 - Edit Schedule, review issues and finalize schedule - May
 - Staff get next year's schedule - May/June before they leave for the summer