Policies of the Board of Education

Series 300: Instruction

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS LOAD/COURSE SELECTION

343.1

- Normal Load
  Every student in middle school shall schedule at least six periods of classes in a typical eight period day. No student shall have more than two study halls in a day. However, each student shall have at least one study hall every other day.

  The principal has the discretionary authority to approve changes/drops of elective classes at any time for unusual circumstances. He/She may also allow a student to have more than two study halls or less than one every other day for unusual circumstances.

  Children with disabilities (CWD) and At-Risk students (as identified by the school referral and evaluation process) may have their programs modified from the required six periods of classes per day. These modifications shall be detailed in the student's IEP (Individual Education Plan) or At-Risk plan.

- Selecting/Dropping Elective Classes
  Each student in the middle school shall take the required classes established by the district and select from a number of electives to meet and maintain the minimum number of class periods per day outlined above.

  Parents/Guardians shall be involved in the selection of their child's elective classes. Elective course requests shall contain a parent/guardian signature. Requests shall be made within the timeline established by the building principal. Once class assignments are made (normally in the spring of the preceding school year) changes in electives must be submitted in writing with the reasons for the requested changes. Changes in selected electives shall be granted effective at the semester after a discussion of the change with the building principal/guidance counselor. Changes are at the principal's discretion and will only be considered if space is available in another class and the student would meet all the requirements for taking the class.

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