



*Update and Current Status of
Our Reimagined Middle
School Schedule*

April 11, 2024



Goals of the Schedule



1. Increase core instructional minutes
2. Enhance remediation and enrichment (Core Extension) opportunities for all students
3. Preserve structures that build community and provide safe spaces
4. Allow for student voice and choice
5. Maintain focus on the whole child
6. Align and integrate content to connect learning across subject areas



What's Similar to the Current Schedule?



- Team structure
- Common planning time for team
- World language period assigned
- Library flexibly scheduled rather than a separate special
- Specials are not scheduled by Team



What's Different from the Current Schedule?



Periods increase from 43 minutes to 49 minutes

Core Extension periods operate throughout the day; 8th pd. doesn't exist

FACS/Technology/Computer Applications embedded in STEAM & content areas as well as future electives

4 Teams per grade level

Students offered choice of electives

Music lessons and ensembles are electives

Rotation of specials

3 lunch periods will result in one lunch period being a combined 7th and 8th lunch

Core Extension Time



One to two days per cycle – focus on English/Language Arts



One to two days per cycle – focus on Mathematics



Two to four days per cycle – focus on student choice/electives



Push-in support staff available

Intervention teachers, gifted support, etc.
Cross-team teacher support





Special Education, Gifted, and Specialists



- Three Spec Ed Teachers per grade
 - One of the four teams (D) will be equally divided across caseloads.
- Gifted, ESL, and tiered support will occur during Core Extension
- Literacy and Math Specialists will be additional supports during the core extension blocks
- Revised schedule provides support across school day rather than only during current 8th period

Electives

Offered during Core Extension time in a student's schedule

Elective offerings will be facilitated by science and social studies teachers from each grade, as well as by our music teachers

Electives would be offered to all students in a grade level regardless of team assignment.

Ensemble music electives would be offered during school day along with lessons. (i.e., band, chorus, orchestra). Select ensembles will be offered and will occur outside of the school day.



Elective Options

7th Grade

- Band, Chorus, and Orchestra (year long)
 - Select ensembles will be EDRs and occur in the evening
- iCompose: Intro to GarageBand
- Experimental Explorations: Unraveling the Unknown
- Inside Out: Exploring Invertebrate Bodies and Functions
- Physical Phenomena in Action
- Exploring Our Planet: Environmental Science
- History's Mysteries and Conspiracies
- Intro to Psychology
- Current Events
- Influential Americans

8th Grade

- Band, Chorus, and Orchestra (year long)
 - Select ensembles will be EDRs and occur in the evening
- iCompose: Film Scoring
- Infinity and Beyond- Exploring space
- Science Olympics
- Harnessing Energy from the Environment
- Climate Super Solutions for the Future
- Archaeology
- The Corps of Discovery: Lewis and Clark and the Great Adventure of the 19th Century
- Minecraft and the Exploration of the Civil War
- Freedom is not Free: The Human Toll of Change



Sample Student Schedules

- 3 periods outside of core will be mosaic with the exception of core extension for ELA and Math
- No more than 2 electives
- Students will be required to take a World Language unless documented need exists (i.e. IEP, ELL, etc.)

8th Grade Team 8A

Advocacy

P1. Core Ext/Elective

P2. World Language

P3. Specials

P4. Course 3

P5. Science

P6. LA

P7. Social Studies

Lunch after 5th period

7th Grade Team 7B

Advocacy

P1. LA

P2. Course 2

P3. Science

P4. Social Studies

P5. Core Ext/Elective

P6. Specials

P7. World Language Exp.

Lunch after 3th period

Bell Schedule Comparison

GREAT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL DAY

Start of Teachers' Day.....7:30
 Advocacy Base.....7:40 - 7:50
 1st Period.....7:53 - 8:42
 2nd Period.....8:45 - 9:34
 3rd Period.....9:37 - 10:29

7th Grade-Teams A,B,C	7th & 8th Grade-Team D	8th Grade-Teams A,B,C
<u>Lunch</u> 10:32 - 11:02	4th Period 10:32 - 11:21	4th Period 10:32 - 11:21
4th Period 11:05 - 11:54	<u>Lunch</u> 11:24 - 11:54	5th Period 11:24 - 12:13
5th Period 11:57 - 12:46	5th Period 11:57 - 12:46	<u>Lunch</u> 12:16 - 12:46

6th Period.....12:49 - 1:38
 Afternoon Announcements.....1:38 - 1:39
 7th Period.....1:41 - 2:30
 Student Dismissal.....2:30
 End of Teacher's Day.....3:15

GREAT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL DAY

Start of Teachers' Day.....7:30
 Advocacy Base.....7:40 - 7:50
 1st Period.....7:53 - 8:36
 2nd Period.....8:39 - 9:22
 3rd Period.....9:25 - 10:08
 4th Period.....10:11 - 10:54

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
<u>Lunch</u> 10:56 - 11:26	5th Period 10:57 - 11:40	5th Period 10:57 - 11:40
5th Period 11:28 - 12:11	<u>Lunch</u> 11:42 - 12:12	6th Period 11:43 - 12:26
6th Period 12:14 - 12:57	6th Period 12:14 - 12:57	<u>Lunch</u> 12:28 - 12:58

7th Period.....1:00 - 1:43
 Afternoon Announcements.....1:43 - 1:44
 8th Period.....1:47 - 2:30
 Student Dismissal.....2:30
 End of Teacher's Day.....3:15
 Sports Practice.....2:35 - 4:45

Selecting Electives for 2024-2025

- All electives will be selected via a survey that is student specific and will be emailed to families prior to the close of the day on April 16.
- Let's take a walk through the process together via the test student associated with the QR Code to the right.



[QR Code - URL](#)

The window for submitting elective choices will close at midnight on April 22.



Scheduling Process and Timeline



- Parent presentations – April 11, 2024
- Student presentations – April 15 & 16, 2024
- Student requests completed – April 22, 2024
- Guidance and team placement recommendations – May 2024
- Special Ed recommendations – May 2024
- Math placement recommendations from the district – early June 2024



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