High School Advisory

What is the high school advisory program?
Advisory is a program where students are assigned by grade level to a teacher who will stay with them throughout their high school career. Advisory groups meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 40 minutes between second and third hour.

What is the structure of the advisory program?
Tuesday advisory meetings will be focused on lessons and activities in these areas:
- College/Career Readiness
- Better Together/Community Building/Culture and Climate/Listening Circles/Mentorship Opportunities
- Executive Functioning (time management, planning, goal setting, perseverance, organization, flexibility, self-control, working memory, metacognition, task initiation) and Financial Literacy
- Student Wellness (Mindfulness, Physical, Digital, SEL)

Thursday advisory meetings are dedicated to academic advising time, and will include advisor/advisee meetings concerning grades, time for students to work on assignments, make-up work, and test preparation including PSAT/SAT preparation.

Why are we implementing an advisory program?
We believe strong relationships with staff and among peers enhances the student high school experience. Advisory provides a community for each student in the building, and provides time to develop skills that will help each student be successful in high school and for whatever path they choose to take after graduation. Our high schools have goals to improve college and career readiness, as well as to improve the culture of our buildings to increase belonging and inclusivity, and we feel advisory will provide a structure to work on these goals for our students.

What is the difference between advisory and X-block?
The advisory program is embedded into the school day, and therefore, counts toward the instructional minutes for calculation of the academic year. Attendance is required during advisory, and a .25 elective pass/fail credit will be awarded each year for students who successfully attend and participate in advisory.

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