

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATION

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



PURPOSE

- Overview current challenges.
- Share the context, process, and stakeholder input behind recommendation.
- Present the recommended high school schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Outline next steps.

A Case For Change

Proposed Benefits

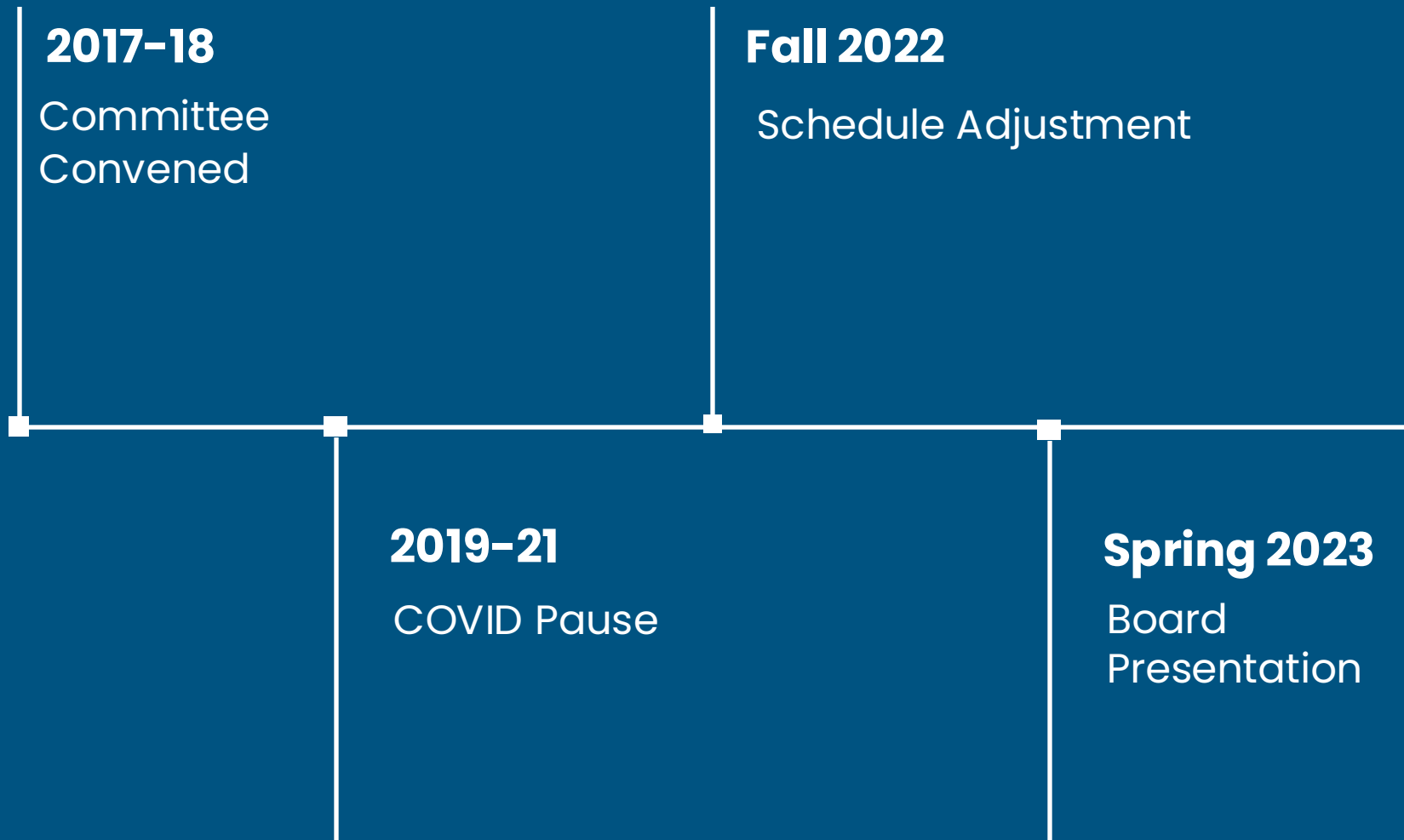
- ✓ **Balanced and Accounted for Time**
- ✓ **Consistent Movement and Timing**
- ✓ **Flexibility Benefits for Arrival, Dismissal, and Activities**
- ✓ **Fair Access to Supports**
- ✓ **Longer Classes to Allow for More Engaged Instruction**

PAYS Survey Data & Student Engagement

36%

Only about 36% of West Chester Area School District's 10th and 12th grade students indicate that the things they are learning in school are going to be either quite important or very important for their later life according to the PAYS 2023 Student Survey.

A Timeline of Past Work



Our Process



The business of schools is to design, create, and invent high-quality, intellectually demanding school work that **students find engaging.**

Phillip Schlechty

Education Researcher, Speaker, and School-Improvement Advocate

RECOMMENDATION:
DROP 2
SCHEDULE
WITH ROTATION

Initial Schedule Options:

Modified Block 4 Day, Drop 2

- Rotating Schedule with a long block at the beginning of the morning and the afternoon
- Schedule changes daily on a 4-day cycle

A/B Block Schedule

- Block Schedule with 80-minute periods
- Students have $\frac{1}{2}$ of their courses each day on a two-day cycle

Proposed Schedule: Key Features

Improved Lunch & Learn

Increased student access for support, access, and enrichment.

Longer Instructional Periods

Allowing for stronger engagement, fewer transitions, and consistency

Increased Flexibility

Student opportunities, scheduling, and collaboration for teachers

Student Benefits



I would pick Drop 2. Although this schedule may seem hard to execute at first, it more effectively considers the value of flexibility and breaking up the monotony of the school week!

Current WCASD High School Student Survey Comment



Sample Student Schedule: Drop 2

4-Day Drop 2	Start	End	1	2	3	4
BLOCK 1 (56)	7:30	8:26	English	Math	Science	Elective 1
BLOCK 2 (53)	8:30	9:23	Math	Science	Elective 1	English
BLOCK 3 (53)	9:27	10:20	Science	Elective 1	English	Math
Lunch/Learn 1	10:22	10:52	L & L	L & L	L & L	L & L
Lunch/Learn 2	10:54	11:24	L & L	L & L	L & L	L & L
BLOCK 4 (53)	11:28	12:21	Elective 2	Social Studies	PE	Elective 3
BLOCK 5 (53)	12:25	1:18	Social Studies	PE	Elective 3	Elective 2
BLOCK 6 (53)	1:22	2:15	PE	Elective 3	Elective 2	Social Studies

Sample Student Schedule: Drop 2 Limited Rotation

4-Day Drop 2	Start	End	1	2	3	4
BLOCK 1 (56)	7:30	8:26	English	Elective 1	Elective 1	Elective 1
BLOCK 2 (53)	8:30	9:23	Math	Math	English	English
BLOCK 3 (53)	9:27	10:20	Science	Science	Science	Math
Lunch/Learn 1	10:22	10:52	L & L	L & L	L & L	L & L
Lunch/Learn 2	10:54	11:24	L & L	L & L	L & L	L & L
BLOCK 4 (53)	11:28	12:21	Elective 2	Elective 3	Elective 3	Elective 3
BLOCK 5 (53)	12:25	1:18	Social Studies	Social Studies	Elective 2	Elective 2
BLOCK 6 (53)	1:22	2:15	PE	PE	PE	Social Studies

Teacher Benefits



I think this is our best schedule proposal to date. It offers all the benefits of a rotational schedule, without the planning/scheduling challenges of the different length periods. I like the flexibility it offers to continue labs for science.

Obviously there will still be some work to do to help fill in the schedule to avoid too many study halls, and the obvious issues...I am excited to get back to work on this!

Committee Member
Survey Comment

Sample Teacher Schedule : Drop 2

4-Day Drop 2	Start	End	1	2	3	4
BLOCK 1 (56)	7:30	8:26	Gov H	AA AH	Plan	AA AH
BLOCK 2 (53)	8:30	9:23	AA AH	Plan	AA AH	Gov H
BLOCK 3 (53)	9:27	10:20	Plan	AA AH	Gov H	AA AH
Lunch/Learn 1	10:22	10:52	L & L	L & L	L & L	L & L
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BLOCK 4 (53)	11:28	12:21	Gov H	AA AH	Duty	Plan
BLOCK 5 (53)	12:25	1:18	AA AH	Duty	Professional Learning	Gov H
BLOCK 6 (53)	1:22	2:15	Duty	Professional Learning	Gov H	AA AH

Sample Teacher Schedule : Limited Rotation Drop 2

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BLOCK 1 (56)	7:30	8:26	Gov H	AA AH	AA AH	AA AH
BLOCK 2 (53)	8:30	9:23	AA AH	AA AH	Gov H	Gov H
BLOCK 3 (53)	9:27	10:20	Plan	Plan	Plan	AA AH
Lunch/Learn 1	10:22	10:52	L & L	L & L	L & L	L & L
Lunch/Learn 2	10:54	11:24	L & L	L & L	L & L	L & L
BLOCK 4 (53)	11:28	12:21	Gov H	Prrofessional Learning	Professional Learning	Plan
BLOCK 5 (53)	12:25	1:18	AA AH	AA AH	Gov H	Gov H
BLOCK 6 (53)	1:22	2:15	Duty	Duty	Duty	AA AH

Lunch and Learn: Increased Student Access for Support and Enrichment

Two Periods

Two 30-minute lunch and learn periods back-to-back.

Impactful Use of Time

Time can be used for extra help, study groups, counseling, and activities.

Staff Opportunities

Teachers get a structured lunch and collaboration time with students and departmental colleagues.

Addressing Boulders



Meeting Program Needs

Creating schedule variations to benefit TCHS, Ed. Practicum, Child Development, and Allied Health



Traveling Teachers

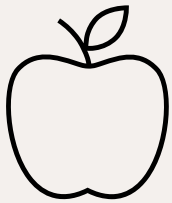
Develop adjustments to minimize disruption, i.e. travel around Lunch & Learn



AP Science Class Time

Create solutions like 1.5 or 2.0 credit options for AP Science courses.

Stakeholders Involved



Administrators
Directors, Public
Safety, Principals,
Supervisors, Etc.



Students
Current Juniors
and Seniors



Board & Partners
Board Members,
TCHS Principal

Scheduling Committee

Instructional Coach, School
Counselor, Art and Music
Teachers, FCS Teacher, Math
and Science Teachers, Phys. Ed.
Teacher, Social Studies Teacher



NEXT STEPS

Preparing for Schedule Implementation



Professional Development

Schedule and develop professional development for staff on student engagement and deeper learning.



Communication Timeline

Develop a communication for students, staff, and families for the 2026–2027 implementation



Student Accountability

Research and implement platforms that enable high school staff to keep track of students



Data Collection

On-going quantitative and qualitative data collection during the 2026–27 school year.

Thank
You
