

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE REVIEW

DRIVERS

- New State standards in Science, Technology & Engineering, and Environmental Literacy and Sustainability (STEELS) go into effect in the 2025-2026 school year
- Science instruction will cover most of the standards; additional instructional time is needed to cover all the standards, particularly in Technology & Engineering
- Student supports
- Student mental health and wellness



PROCESS

UPDATE NOVEMBER 18, 2024

- PTO meetings– completed
- Curricular work and meetings with teachers – ongoing
- Education Committee presentation– January 9, 2025
- Board approved Middle School schedule – anticipated January 27, 2025
- Teacher workshop time as approved – Summer 2025
- Implementation – 2025-2026 School Year

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE DRAFT

PERIOD	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM
1	CORE	CORE	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS
2	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE	CORE
3	CORE	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE
4	ADVISORY	CORE	ACTIVITY LUNCH	LUNCH ACTIVITY
5	LUNCH ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY LUNCH	CORE	CORE
6	SPECIAL AREAS	ADVISORY	CORE	CORE
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MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE OPTION

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL AREAS (SA) DRAFT

	# OF DAYS IN 6 DAY CYCLE	DURATION	# OF SESSIONS
GRADE 5			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE/HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	1	YEAR	30
STEM	1	YEAR	30
SP or FR*	2	YEAR	60
GRADE 6			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE/HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	1/2 YEAR	30
STEM	2	1/2 YEAR	30
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GRADE 7			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE/HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	1 MP	15
STEM	2	1/2 YEAR	30
FCS	2	1 MP	15
GRADE 8			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE/HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	1	1/2 YEAR	15
STEM	1	YEAR	30
FCS	1	1/2 YEAR	15

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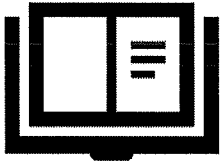
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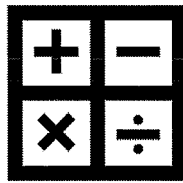
SCHOOL RECOMMENDED SUPPORTS CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



Reading



Writing



Math



Executive
Functioning



Well-being

Delivery: 2 times per 6-day cycle for 1/2 school year or full year or until exited

STUDENT/FAMILY CHOICE OF ENRICHMENT CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



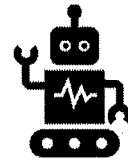
Art
Gr 5-8



Music
Gr 5-8



PE
Gr 7 & 8

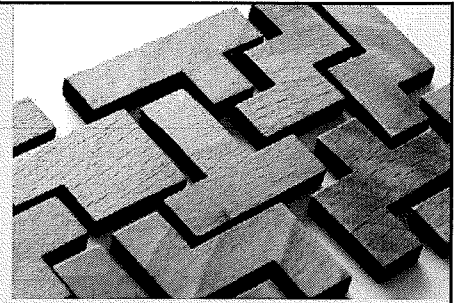


STEM
Future Possibility

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ADVISORY EXAMPLES

BASED OFF A 6-DAY CYCLE



- ✓ Advisory 6x/cycle
- ✓ Advisory 4x/cycle + Gr 5 Spanish 2x/cycle
- ✓ Advisory 2x/cycle + Gr 6 French 2x/cycle + Art 2x/cycle
- ✓ Advisory 2x/cycle + Reading* 2x/cycle + Gr 7/8 PE 2x/cycle
- ✓ Advisory 2x/cycle + Well-Being* 2x/cycle + Music 2x/cycle
- ✓ Writing* 2x/cycle + Math* 2x/cycle + Executive Functioning* 2x/cycle
- ✓ Special Education** Advisory up to 6x/cycle

*School recommended

**Determined to qualify

UPDATE AND INPUT

ADVISORY SCHEDULE AND COMPONENTS & SA ROTATION

- Advisory schedule – new option to consider
- SA rotation – new option to consider
- Humanities
 - Grade 5 – Art & Music
 - Grade 6 – Art & Music
 - How does Grade 7 & 8 Humanities fit in?

UPDATE AND INPUT

ADVISORY SCHEDULE AND COMPONENTS & SA ROTATION

- Enrichment Opportunities
 - Art – Grades 5-8
 - Music – Grades 5-8
 - PE – Grades 7 & 8
 - STEM – Future possibility
- What would be most helpful in the transition process to the new schedule?

ACTION ITEMS

NEXT STEPS IN THE APPROVAL PROCESS

- Continue to engage with Middle School teachers – ongoing
- Develop support mechanisms criteria for school recommendation
- Develop details about the enrichment choices in Advisory Period for Grades 5-8 – ongoing
- Develop humanities progression for Grades 5-8 – ongoing
- Redesign course selection information
- Present to the Education Committee – January 9, 2025
- Schedule follow up meeting for Middle School Advisory – TBD