

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Administrative Procedure 6.27

TIME SCHEDULES AND WORKLOAD: CERTIFICATED STAFF

(1) REPORTING TIME

Principals and teachers are to adhere to school-day schedules as determined by the Board.

(2) TEACHING DAY

(a) High Schools and Traditional Middle Schools

1. Classroom teachers in the high schools operating on the seven-period day shall be assigned not more than five teaching periods, one homeroom or advisory period, and one preparation period per day. Such schools will operate under the guidelines as set forth below:

- a. Teachers may be assigned lunchroom duty as a regular duty responsibility. To the extent possible, a teacher will not be assigned lunch duty during their preparation time. If a teacher is assigned to lunchroom duty during their preparation time, the teacher will be compensated for that time at the part-time certificated rate
- b. Teachers, beyond those needed for study hall supervision, attendance counseling and hall supervision, and projects dealing with curriculum development within their areas of teaching, shall be assigned to other duties as prescribed by the principal.
 - i. Normally, one teacher and such educational assistants as are necessary may be assigned to hall supervision. Additional teachers may be assigned where essential due to the structure of the building and special problems.
 - ii. Volunteers shall first be assigned, and where there are insufficient volunteers, assignments shall be made with available teachers on a rotating basis by semesters.
- c. Study halls, lunchroom duty, and attendance counseling shall be assigned so that individual teachers do not have to perform these duties year after year without being relieved when they specifically request it.
- d. To the extent possible, a first-semester teacher will not be assigned to study hall, lunchroom duty, hall supervision, or attendance counseling, but will be involved in inservice activities, such as long-range planning for his/her specific classes, work on curriculum in his/her area, or observing classes of experienced teachers.

2. Classroom teachers in high schools and traditional middle schools operating on block schedules (A/B schedule) shall be assigned no more than three teaching periods and one individual preparation period per day. Such schools will operate under the guidelines, as set forth below:

- a. Lunchroom supervision shall be done by staff other than teachers. If staffing does not allow, then the teachers shall be paid at the part-time certificated rate if preparation time is lost.
- b. Teachers shall not be assigned supervision duties during any of the four instructional blocks. Necessary supervision during instructional blocks shall be performed by staff other than teachers.
- c. Every reasonable effort will be made to avoid assigning any teacher to three consecutive instructional blocks.

- d. The principal may use up to one half of the individual preparation period for collaborative planning time once per week.

3. Schools will provide a curriculum to advisory teachers.

4. Should a classroom teacher need to substitute teach, teach an additional class, or lose prep time due to a temporary staffing need, additional compensation will be paid according to Section 4 of this procedure.

(c) Elementary School Lunch

Teachers in elementary schools have a 45-minute lunch on days they are not assigned lunch duty. Lunch duty shall be rotated equitably among teaching staff. In most schools, the rotation will require teachers to perform 15 minutes of lunch duty twice a week. At some schools, based on staffing, the rotation may require teachers to perform lunch duty more than two times per week. Schools may also choose to arrange their lunch duty rotation where teachers perform duty daily during weeks 1 and 3 with no lunch duty on weeks 2 and 4.

(3) TEACHER PREPARATION

(a) Preparation Period

The utilization of the preparation period shall normally be determined by the teachers. It is recognized that the preparation period may be the most convenient and practical time for the teacher, principal, or supervisor to arrange an occasional conference on matters of professional concern. If an unexpected parent conference is requested during the preparation period, the teacher shall attend the conference, unless the conference would prevent the teacher from having representation of his/her choice. Attempts will be made to avoid a pattern of scheduling parent conferences during regular instructional time.

(b) Middle- and High-School Classrooms

Principals shall attempt, where possible, to limit the number of classroom assignments, exclusive of homeroom, to three; however, it is recognized that, with certain subject areas and programs, the attainment of this may not be possible.

(c) Number of Preparations for Middle- and High-School Teachers

In developing secondary teachers programs, principals shall attempt, where possible, to limit the number of different preparations to three; however, it is recognized that certain subject areas make the attainment of this more difficult.

(d) Elementary Teachers

When students are in art, music or physical education classes, this time is teacher directed and belongs in its entirety to teachers for prep. Teachers are not required to attend art, music, or physical education classes with their students. Teachers are not required to attend administrative meetings when their students are at art, music, or physical education classes.

(e) Special Education Teachers

1. Elementary school teachers will have teacher directed prep time when their students are in art, music, and physical education classes at least equal to weekly prep time for regular education teachers.
2. Traditional middle school teachers and high school teachers operating on the seven-period day will have one prep period daily. Traditional middle school teachers and high school teachers operating on block schedules (A/B schedule) will have one prep period daily.

(4) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION: HIGH SCHOOL AND TRADITIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

(a) Substitute Teaching or Loss of Preparation Time

Classroom teachers that substitute teach or lose preparation time shall be paid as follows:

1. Seven-period day schedule: Classroom teachers on the period schedule shall be paid 1 hour at the part time certificated rate for each period that they substitute teach or lose a preparation time.
2. Block schedule: Classroom teachers on the block schedule shall be paid 2 hours at the part time certificated rate for each block that they substitute teach or lose preparation time.

(b) Requesting Volunteers

School administration or their designee shall first ask for volunteers. If there are no volunteers, then substitute assignments will be assigned on a rotating basis. The rotation procedure should be discussed with the school’s building committee before it is implemented.

(c) Teaching an Overload

For any additional classes taught beyond a usual classload, where they are the teacher of record, teachers shall be paid as follows:

1. Seven-period schedule: Teachers who teach any additional classes will be paid 2 hours at the part time certificated rate for each period taught.
2. Block schedule: Teachers who teach any additional classes will be paid 4 hours at the part time certificated rate for each period taught.

(d) Funding

Any school which is required to expend additional funds for staffing or compensation due to this procedure will be reimbursed for such expenditures annually out of a district-wide budget account.

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