



# Middle School Schedule Adjustments

March 2026

# Middle School Schedule - Revised

- Maintain Current 42-minute class, 8 period schedule
  - No change to math, ELA, science, or social studies
- Offer World Language Choice
  - Take world language off team
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – selects preference from Chinese or Spanish
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade – selects preference from French, Chinese, or Spanish
  - Beginning in 2027-2028, all students would have choice of French, Chinese, or Spanish

# World Language Projected Preferences

	AMSO	AMSB
French – Grade 7	47	51
Chinese – Grade 7	26	23
Chinese – Grade 8	29	37

- Based on projected preferences, Spanish enrollment would be as follows:

	AMSO	AMSB
Spanish – Grade 7	152	159
Spanish – Grade 8	136	156

# Spanish Enrollment – Average Class Size

	AMSO	AMSB
8 Spanish Teachers	14.4	15.8
7 Spanish Teachers	16.9	18.5

- Reduction in Force (RIF) 1.0 Spanish teacher
- Add 1.0 French teacher
- French & Mandarin teachers shared between middle schools
- Share 1.0 Spanish teacher between middle schools
- Access ARHS teachers if Spanish enrollment exceeds projections

# Align 4-Day Rotation

- Allows for efficiencies through sharing staff with ARHS
- Implement rotating team-based WINN period
  - Allows all students to access team academic teachers (math, ELA, science, social studies) during WINN period
  - Allows for developmental counseling lessons, POG work and activities, special programming with fewer daily schedule changes
  - Increases opportunity for intervention support, EL services, and special education services

# The PE Puzzle

## MUSIC OPPOSITE PE

- PE
  - Year long course
  - Offered every other day (1/2 year)
  - Class maximum – 35 students
- Music
  - Year long ensemble
  - Offered every other day (1/2 year)
  - No class maximum
  - All students select choir, band, or strings

## HEALTH OPPOSITE PE

- PE
  - Year long, offered 3/4 of the time
  - Schedule dependent on staffing
  - Class maximum – 35 students
- Health
  - 1/4 year course
  - Schedule dependent on staffing
  - Class maximum – 22 students

# The PE Puzzle

## WITH 2 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS

- 88 students assigned to 4 teachers each period
- PE class sizes 22 students
- Health class sizes 22 students
- Separate 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> classes
- PE 3 of 4 days of rotation
- Health 1 day of rotation

## WITH NO ADDITIONAL TEACHERS

- 88 students assigned to 3 teachers each period
- PE class sizes 33 students – combined grades 7 & 8
- Health class size 22 students
- PE 3 of 4 quarters of the year (daily)
- Health 1 quarter of the year (daily)

# Elective Options with HPE combined

- Life arts electives offered every other day
- Year-long electives – choir, band, strings
- Semester electives –

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Choir, band, strings	Choir, band, strings
Art	Architecture
Digital Media	Art (to be expanded 27-28)
General music	Digital Media (to be expanded 26-27)
Technology	General Music
	Robotics
	Theater

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Projections

	<b>AMSB</b>	<b>AMSO</b>
Art	80	68
Digital Media	32	67
General Music	55	60
Technology	90	53
Band	87	37
Chorus	55	76
Strings	6	21

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Projections

	<b>AMSB</b>	<b>AMSO</b>
Architecture	43	24
Art	78	10
Digital Media	6	74
General Music	4	11
Robotics	31	39
Theater	30	12
Band	73	46
Chorus	110	88
Strings	7	35

# Outcome of Revised Middle School Schedule

## What it Does

- Allows choice in 3 world languages
- Increases elective choices
- Includes Team model & advisory
- Rotates WINN for better supports/interventions
- Increases PE/activity time
- Maintains 42-minute instructional period
- Aligns to ARHS Schedule

## What it Doesn't

- Increase/Decrease Academic Time
- Decrease Transitions



# Amity Regional School District 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

- Superintendent's Budget Proposal
- AFC BOE Workshop
- Jennifer P. Byars, Ed.D.
- March 2026



# 2026-2027 Town Allocations (approved February 23, 2026) (with 4.0 teachers)

	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>\$ Variance</u>	<u>% Variance</u>
Bethany	\$9,160,226	\$9,454,605	\$294,379	3.21%
Orange	\$27,533,537	\$27,453,228	(\$ 80,309)	(0.29%)
Woodbridge	\$20,142,040	\$20,542,525	\$400,485	1.99%
Other Revenue	\$1,273,196	\$ 1,547,342	\$274,146	21.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,108,999</b>	<b>\$58,997,700</b>	<b>\$888,701</b>	<b>1.53%</b>

# Budget Additions

- 42 requests for Certified Nursing Assistant Course
- Current Budget – 15 spots
- Increase to 20 spots (maximum for 1 class period)
- Total increase - \$8,190.00

# Personnel Impact – Budget Reduction

- Defer STEM Instructional Coach for 1 Year
  - Look for opportunities to fill with existing staff in future
- 2.0 Health/PE Teachers – 1 per middle school
  - Maintain current HPE staffing and structure at ARHS
  - Supports middle school schedule change
    - Prevents all students from having to take a music ensemble
    - Addresses student safety with smaller PE class sizes
    - Maintains separate 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade PE classes
- ~~• 1.0 World Language Teacher – shared between middle schools~~
  - ~~• Increases choice in middle school world language~~
- 1.0 Sped Teacher

# 2026-2027 Town Allocations (with 3.0 teachers, additional CNA spots)

	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>\$ Variance</u>	<u>% Variance</u>
Bethany	\$9,160,226	\$9,437,450	\$277,224	3.03%
Orange	\$27,533,537	\$27,403,413	(\$130,124)	(0.47%)
Woodbridge	\$20,142,040	\$20,505,249	\$363,209	1.80%
Other Revenue	\$1,273,196	\$ 1,547,342	\$274,146	20.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,108,999</b>	<b>\$58,893,454</b>	<b>\$784,455</b>	<b>1.35%</b>

# Budget References

CT Superintendents' Average	5.18%
DRG-B Average	5.29%
Regional School Districts Average	3.67%
Board of Education Adopted Budget Average	4.67%
Bethany Elementary School District	7.49%
Orange Elementary School District	2.08%
Woodbridge Elementary School District	3.74%
Amity Regional School District	1.35%

# Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 6, 2026 – Public Hearing on Amity Budget – 6:00 p.m.
- Monday May 4, 2026 – Annual Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – Referendum\*



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