



Block Scheduling Review Committee Recommendations

June 15, 2015

Overview

- Present opportunities for improvement brought forth through the year-long process of examining the block schedule
 - Problems
 - Supporting data
- Task the high school administration to develop ideas and propose action plans to address the opportunities for improvement
- Timeline
 - 2014-15
 - 2015-16
 - 2016-17

Increase options during flex period

Problem

- Dissatisfaction with the current implementation of flex
- Year long access to AP teachers to encourage test participation
- Not enough flexibility for students needing subject specific support

Supporting data

- Visitation notes
- Case study notes
- High school schedule survey responses
- Feedback from brainstorming session
- Suggestions from community forum

Revisions to the Program of Studies

Problem

- Knowledge about the options available in the high school schedule
- Availability of honors options when AP is offered
- Need for suggested course pathways based on student interest and goals

Supporting data

- Visitation notes
- Case study notes
- High school schedule survey responses
- Feedback from brainstorming session
- Suggestions from community forum
- Feedback from grading committee at the high school
- Feedback from student focus group

Outline Alternative Schedules to Demonstrate Variations in Block

- Problem
 - Concern raised for continuity in AP, Math, World Language and Music in the semester system
- Supporting Data
 - High school schedule survey responses
 - Feedback from brainstorming session
 - Suggestions from community forum
 - Case studies
 - Research articles

Revisit teaching in the block during professional development sessions

Problem

- Need to refresh best practices in teaching in the block

Supporting data

- Visitation notes
- Case study notes
- High school schedule survey responses
- Feedback from brainstorming session
- Suggestions from community forum

Increase communication to all stakeholders about the options available in the schedule and the success of the high school program

Problem

- Knowledge about the options available in the schedule
- Misconceptions about the success of the high school program
- Need for a regular review of data points to gauge success

Supporting data

- Visitation notes
- Case study notes
- High school schedule survey responses
- Feedback from brainstorming session
- Suggestions from community forum

Timeline

2014-15

Review of the block and recommendations to the board from the Block Scheduling Committee

2015-16

High school administration will turn recommendations into action plans

2016-17

Implementation of action plans will begin