



# Block Scheduling Review Committee Recommendations

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# 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