

# NEEDS AND GOALS

- Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, schedule 30 sessions of a STEM class per grade level 5-8 as part of the Special Areas (SA) rotation
- Implement a new STEM course in Grades 5 & 6 as part of the SA rotation
- Redesign the current Grades 7 & 8 Technology Education course into a STEM course

# **PROCESS**

**AS APPROVED BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE 5/23/2024**

- Middle School Advisory meetings– starting June 2024
- PTO meetings– Fall 2024
- Return to Education Committee – Winter 2024/2025
- Board approved Middle School schedule – Winter/Spring 2025
- Curricular work with teachers – Spring 2025
- Teacher workshop time as approved – Summer 2025
- Implementation – 2025-2026 School Year

# MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

PERIOD	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM
1	CORE	CORE	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS Art/Music/Health/PE/ FCS/TechEd
2	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS Art/Music/Health/PE/WL	CORE	CORE
3	RECESS CORE	BREAK CORE	SPECIAL AREAS Art/Music/Health/PE/ FCS/TechEd	CORE
4	CORE	CORE	ACTIVITY/LUNCH	LUNCH/ACTIVITY
5	LUNCH/ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY/LUNCH	CORE	CORE
6	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS Art/Music/Health/PE/WL/Adv	CORE	CORE
7	SPECIAL AREAS Art/Music/Health/PE/WL	CORE	CORE or ADVISORY	CORE or ADVISORY
8	SPECIAL AREAS Art/Music/Health/PE/WL/Adv	CORE	CORE or ADVISORY	CORE or ADVISORY

PE=PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
WL=WORLD LANGUAGE

Adv=ADVISORY

TechEd=TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
FCS=FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL AREAS (SA)

	# OF DAYS IN 6 DAY CYCLE	DURATION	# OF SESSIONS
<b>GRADE 5</b>			
ART	2	YEAR	60
MUSIC	2	YEAR	60
PE	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
ADVISORY	2	YEAR	60
SP or FR	2	YEAR	60
<b>GRADE 6</b>			
ART	2	YEAR	60
MUSIC	2	YEAR	60
PE	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
ADVISORY	2	YEAR	60
SP or FR	2	YEAR	60

	# OF DAYS IN 6 DAY CYCLE	DURATION	# OF SESSIONS
<b>GRADE 7</b>			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	1/2 YEAR	30
TECH ED	2	1 MP	15
FCS	2	1 MP	15
<b>GRADE 8</b>			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	1/2 YEAR	30
TECH ED	2	1 MP	15
FCS	2	1 MP	15

PE=PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
SP or FR=SPANISH or FRENCH

TECH ED=TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
FCS=FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

DAILY ADVISORY IN GRADES  
7 & 8 IS SEPARATE FROM SA

# GROUP FOCUS QUESTIONS

- What are the priorities in scheduling SA classes?
- What SA classes should remain full year?
- What SA classes could be 1/2 year or 1 marking period?
- For the 5/6 Group - What role does Advisory serve in Grades 5 & 6?
- For the 7/8 Group – How can Tech Ed be expanded from 15 sessions to 30 sessions per year?