

NEEDS AND GOALS

AS PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 5, 2024 MEETING

- 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

GROUP FOCUS QUESTIONS

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- 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?

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

CURRENT

PERIOD	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM
1	CORE	CORE	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS
2	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE	CORE
3	BREAK CORE	BREAK CORE	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE
4	CORE	CORE	ACTIVITY LUNCH	LUNCH ACTIVITY
5	LUNCH ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY LUNCH	CORE	CORE
6	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE	CORE
7	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE	CORE or ADVISORY	CORE or ADVISORY
8	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE	CORE or ADVISORY	CORE or ADVISORY

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL AREAS (SA)

CURRENT

	# OF DAYS IN 6 DAY CYCLE	DURATION	# OF SESSIONS
GRADE 5			
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
GRADE 6			
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

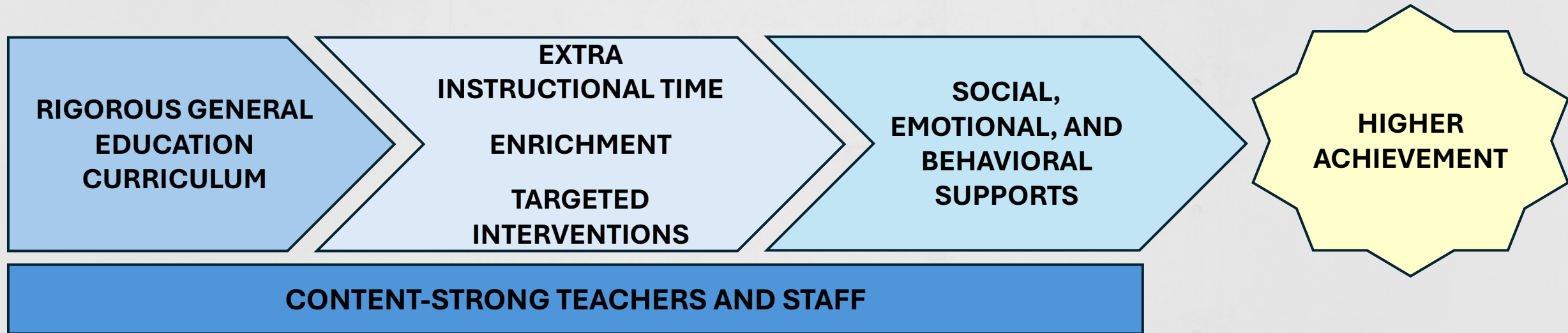
	# OF DAYS IN 6 DAY CYCLE	DURATION	# OF SESSIONS
GRADE 7			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	1/2 YEAR	30
TECH ED	2	1 MP	15
FCS	2	1 MP	15
GRADE 8			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	1/2 YEAR	30
TECH ED	2	1 MP	15
FCS	2	1 MP	15

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

FRAMEWORK FOR IMPROVING BEST PRACTICES



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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

FOR IMPLEMENTATION BEGINNING IN 2025-2026

- Grades 5 & 6 STEM course added to SA rotation (30 Sessions)
- Grades 7 & 8 Tech Ed course (15 sessions) converted to STEM course (30 sessions)
- Daily Advisory in grades 5 & 6
- Restructure Advisory Initiatives in grades 7 & 8
- Develop support mechanisms and enrichment opportunities in Advisory grades 5-8

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

PROPOSED OPTION A

PERIOD	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM
1	CORE	CORE	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS
2	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE	CORE
3	BREAK CORE	BREAK CORE	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE
4	ADVISORY	CORE	ACTIVITY LUNCH	LUNCH ACTIVITY
5	LUNCH ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY LUNCH	CORE	CORE
6	SPECIAL AREAS	ADVISORY	CORE	CORE
7	CORE	CORE	CORE or ADVISORY	CORE or ADVISORY
8	CORE	CORE	CORE or ADVISORY	CORE or ADVISORY

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

PROPOSED OPTION B

PERIOD	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM
1	CORE	CORE	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS
2	CORE	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE	CORE
3	BREAK CORE	BREAK CORE	SPECIAL AREAS	CORE
4	LUNCH ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY LUNCH	CORE	CORE
5	ADVISORY	CORE	ACTIVITY LUNCH	LUNCH ACTIVITY
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MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE/HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	1	YEAR	30
STEM	1	YEAR	30
SP or FR*	2	YEAR	60
GRADE 6			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE/HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	1/2 YEAR	30
STEM	2	1/2 YEAR	30
SP or FR*	2	YEAR	60

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GRADE 7			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE/HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	2	1 MP	15
STEM	2	1/2 YEAR	30
FCS	2	1 MP	15
GRADE 8			
ART	2	1/2 YEAR	30
MUSIC	2	1/2 YEAR	30
PE/HEALTH	2	YEAR	60
HEALTH	1	1/2 YEAR	15
STEM	1	YEAR	30
FCS	1	1/2 YEAR	15

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DAILY ADVISORY IN GRADES 5-8
IS SEPARATE FROM SA

INPUT

ADVISORY SCHEDULE AND COMPONENTS & SA ROTATION

- Which Advisory schedule is best?
- Is Grade 5 & 6 Break needed in proposed schedule Option B?
- Which SA rotation is best?
- What are your thoughts on the new Health class being called Wellness?
- How does Humanities fit in?
- What are the components to develop during the new Advisory?

Reading Support

Executive Functioning

Writing Support

Well-being

Math Support

Enrichment

ACTION ITEMS

NEXT STEPS IN THE APPROVAL PROCESS

- Share information with Middle School teachers – ongoing
- Develop support mechanisms and enrichment opportunities in Advisory Period grades 5-8 – ongoing
- Meet with Middle School PTOs – October 2024
- Schedule follow up meeting for Middle School Advisory – November/December 2024
- Present to the Education Committee – January 9, 2025