

High School Scheduling Update

September 18, 2012

Background Sept – Nov 2011

- System Decision
 - Program Erosion (Electives, CTE, AP/IB)
 - ES and MS Considerations (Class sizes, electives)
 - Large class sizes (All levels)
 - Prep time inequities (ES to MS/HS)
- Even if no cut to SBB, we needed to make a change.

Goals of New Schedule / Nov 2011

- Lower class sizes
- Create and/or preserve opportunities
- Develop a schedule that makes sure staff has sufficient planning time.
- Setting up a flexible situation where we are able to respond to a variety of possible budget scenarios.

Lower Class Sizes

- Average Class Size:
 - 2011-12
 - 2012-13
- Average Teacher Load
 - 2011-12
 - 2012-13

Create and/or preserve opportunities

- Fire Science Course at RCHS
- ProStart Culinary Arts
- AP classes
- CTE Electives (Business, FCS, Multi Media)
- Other examples

Sufficient Planning Time

- 80-100 minutes daily on “block schedule days” for prep/planning time. (85-95 min in 2011-12)
- 96-104 minutes daily on “all class schedule days” for prep/planning time. (80-110 min in 2011-12)

Example of 8 Period Schedule

Monday 45 Minutes	Tuesday 90 Minutes	Wednesday 90 Minutes	Thursday 90 Minutes	Friday 90 Minutes
1	1	2	1	2
2				
3	3	4	3	4
4				
5	5	6	5	6
6				
7	7	8	7	8
8				

Instructional Time 11-12 to 12-13

- During the last ten years in Douglas County, High Schools have run:
 - Straight 7 period day
 - Modified 7 period day
 - Straight block schedule
 - Rolling A-B block

Instructional Time 11-12 to 12-13

Per Class	Daily Minutes	Weekly Minutes	Minutes per Term	Hours per Term
Biggest Gain	5.0	25.0	432.0	7.2
Biggest Loss	- 4.2	- 21.0	- 363.0	- 6.1
Average	- 0.6	- 2.8	- 48.2	- 0.8

Source: DCSD Schedule Calculations used to validate student FTE's with CDE

Flexible Situation

- Expect the best, prepare for the worst
- Discussion on priorities
 - Opportunities to expand programming
 - Use dollars for resources/staff development
 - Could we fund all the choices of students?

of Students

- 478 more students in HS today than last year.
- 122 under projection numbers from last year.
- Growth will be a constant (projections say grow by 4100 students at the HS level by 2017; 16,823 students – 21,016 students)*

* source document from Strategic Resources West, Inc.

Student Advisory Group 9-7-2012

Temperature Check

- 40 students from 8 of our 9 High Schools
- Representing 10th, 11th and 12th grade
- Very preliminary information

Number of classes taking?

- 3 students taking 3 classes
- 5 taking 4
- 5 taking 5
- 13 taking 6 (19 across year)
- 13 taking 7
- 1 taking 8 (11 across year)

Classes Requested / Specific

- I am taking the number of classes I requested.
 - Yes, 32 students
 - No, 8 students
- I am taking the specific classes I requested.
 - Yes, 31 students
 - No, 9 students

Class Size

- My class sizes this year as compared to last year are:
 - Smaller, 16 students
 - Same, 14 students
 - Bigger, 10 students

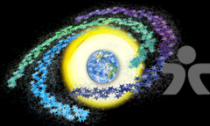
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- Yes, 36 students (selected comments/themes)
 - Focus, Less Stress
 - Time to finish what we start
 - Less homework each night, go to bed earlier
 - Utilize time better
 - More time in each class and with teachers
 - More creative stuff in class
 - Prioritize work, less stress

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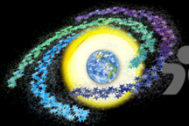
– Undecided or No, 4 students

- Some teachers have a negative attitude
- Foreign language difficult to learn
- Hard to see my teachers



I use my free periods to:

- Do homework, see teachers
- Study, go to work earlier
- Activities, Student Government, yearbook, AP, Independent Study
- Go to Library
- Take a break, hang with friends
- Sleep in
- Leave early for sports, don't miss class

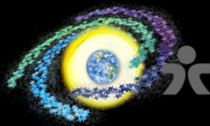


Make sure you keep this:

- Flexibility
- Classes kids want to take
- Off periods
- Advisements 2x a week
- AP classes
- Online course request form
- Access / Seminar

Find a way to change this:

- Change schedule on own through IC Portal
- Nothing
- Longer advisement
- Freshman/Sophomore no off periods
- Start time for school
- Time outside to talk w/teachers
- Irregular bell times



Questions?