



NORWALK
Public Schools

Middle School *REDESIGN*

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I. Master Schedule *update* ...

- Important Dates:

- March 2, 2017 = MS Redesign – Phase 2/Scheduling intro. (Craig)
- Feb – May 2017 = Individual School meetings (Craig/Jean).
- * April 5th & 6th, 2017 = PowerSchool initial schedule set-up.
- April 20th = MS *Redesign* Committee meeting. (PD/5th to 6th/RCD)
- May 4, 2017 = MS *Redesign* Committee
- May/June – SBAC/NWEA/MI/RI testing
- May 24, 25, 26, 2017 = PowerSchool scheduling

Where are we going now?

- Push BLOCK scheduling up into both grades 7 & 8.
- Continue to increase OTL via successful interventions.
- Support “Teaching and Learning” via:
 - *Expanded partnership with CSSR.*
 - *Expand Interventions at EVERY grade level.*
 - *More support for Tier I/classroom instruction.*
(Partnership with HMH Math Solutions coaching)
 - *Smaller teams and student loads (Build relationships)*

Opportunity to Learn (OTL)

- Block Scheduling in grade 6.
- Extended time (82 min Blocks) in ELA and Math.
- Increased INTERVENTIONS in all grades:
 - - MATH 180
 - - READ 180
 - - System 44
- “Teach-to-One” (TTO)
 - - Newsela, Compass Learning, My Path, LightSail, etc...
- * Dramatically increased Student Achievement !

SCHOOL FACTORS INFLUENCING ACHIEVEMENT

Factor	Avg. ES	PercentileGain
OTL	.88	31
Time	.39	15
Monitoring	.30	12
Pressure to achieve	.27	11
Parental involvement	.26	10
School climate	.22	8
Leadership	.10	4
Cooperation	.06	2

THE FOUR-BLOCK SCHEDULE + “Encore”

	Day 1 (A)	Day 2 (B)
ENCORE	ENCORE	
Block I	Language Arts and Reading	
Block II	Mathematics	
Block III	Social Studies	Science
Block IV	Electives	Interventions

THE FOUR-BLOCK SCHEDULE: (DOUBLE DOSE OF ELA AND Math)

	Day 1	Day 2
Block I	Language Arts and Reading (ELA)	
Block II	Mathematics	
Block III	Social Studies	Science
Block IV	Electives/"Specials"	Interventions Math 180/Read 180

THE FOUR-BLOCK: A/B (electives/interventions)

	Day 1	Day 2
Block I	ELA/Reading.....	
Block II	Mathematics	
Block III	Social Studies	Science
Block IV	Elective(gym)	Int (Math 180)
	Int (Read 180)	Int (Read 180)

Master Schedule ... (sample)

grade	Vertical House # 1 (225 students)	Vertical house #2 (225 students)	Vertical house #3 (225 students)
6	1 ELA 1 Math 1 SS/Sci (75 students total)	1 ELA 1 Math 1 SS/Sci (75 students total)	1 ELA 1 Math 1 SS/Sci (75 students total)
7	1 ELA 1 Math .5 SS .5 Sci (75 students total)	1 ELA 1 Math .5 SS .5 Sci (75 students total)	1 ELA 1 Math .5 SS .5 Sci (75 students total)
8	1 ELA 1 Math .5 SS .5 Sci (75 students total)	1 ELA 1 Math .5 SS .5 Sci (75 students total)	1 ELA 1 Math .5 SS .5 Sci (75 students total)
Total(s)	9 Teachers	9 teachers	9 teachers

QUESTIONS...



II. Professional Learning Design & Support

- Grade 6 = (Year 2):
 - Focus on Tier 1 instruction.
 - Expand partnership with CSSR
 - Expand partnership with HMH “Math Solutions”
 - Introduce “Student Led Conferences” (CSSR)
- Grades 7 & 8 (Year 1 of Block scheduling):
 - Focus on Teaching in the Block
 - Focus on improving Data Team/PLC meetings

SLCs, PLCs, and opportunities to meet...

Block 1 (82 min) Grade 6	Vertical House #1 prep	Vertical House #2 prep	Vertical House #3 prep
	Grade or subject meeting	Grade or subject meeting	Grade or subject meeting
Block 2 (82 min)	prep	prep	prep
Grade 7	Grade or subject meeting	Grade or subject meeting	Grade or subject meeting
LUNCH BLOCK 3 (120min)	Vertical House meetings	Vertical House meetings	Vertical house meetings
Block 4	prep	prep	prep
Grade 8	Grade or subject meeting	Grade or subject meeting	Grade or subject meeting

See next slide for lunch breakdown...

Vertical House meetings

- Promote Smaller Learning Communities (SLCs)
- Student-led Conferences (begin gr 6 2017-18).
- Advisory period. (TBD)
- Peer-to-peer mentoring and tutoring.
- Team meetings (business, adults, PBIS, etc...)
- Team meetings w/Students.
- Teacher/Team autonomy & control...
- ENCORE and/or ENCORE planning
- Etc...

Vertical House meetings ...

Lunch - day 1	Lunch – day 2	Lunch – day 3
Vertical House #1 (50 min)	Vertical House #2 (50 minute lunch)	Vertical House #3 (50 min)
Vertical house #2 (35 min)	Vertical House #3 (35 min)	Vertical House #1 (35 min)
Vertical House #3 (35 min)	Vertical House #1 (35 min)	Vertical House #2 (35 min)

QUESTIONS...



THANK YOU ALL !!! ...

Committee members

Thank you Teachers

Thank you Guidance

Thank you Administrators

Thank you staff

Thank you EVERYONE for our success!

Rotation & ENCORE

- **ALL schedules can rotate** – Suggestion: “FIX” BLOCK #3 so that Vertical Team meetings are predictable and can be planned for regularly.
- **ENCORE can be added anywhere, on any day as often as needed** – (Suggestion: see attached slides for samples.

Underlying goals ...

- Reduce Teacher student load (Smaller teams and classes leading to ...
- ... Smaller Learning Communities (SLCs).
- Keep *ALL* Teacher classes on the same Team (no cross-teaming).
- Keep *ALL* teachers within certification and subject.
- Increase interventions and OTL.
- Maintain “ENCORE” for all students.