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DMS Schedule Development Process

DMS Schedule: Why the need to change

- PA Adoption of new core standards increased the rigor and changed the type of teaching and learning required in schools
- Instruction now requires skills such as collaboration, problem solving, creative thinking and doing, all of which take time
- Employers are in need of people with these kinds of skills
- Bottom line: The instructional landscape had changed, but our schedule had not

DMS Schedule Development Process

- The process was collaborative and inclusive involving parents, administrators and teachers
- Information came from the parent surveys to develop common priorities
- The Hill Group Management Consulting supported the process
- DMS teachers primarily developed the schedule models
- Administration and parents reviewed and adjusted the models
- The three stakeholder groups reached consensus on one model

What has happened so far - Timeline

September 27 2 pm DMS	Administration, FCEA and parent group meet with Hill Group to review survey and key findings
September 28 8 am DMS	FCEA teacher meeting to review process and refine 5 top priorities
October 1 1 pm Staff Development Room	Administration, FCEA and parent group meet with to develop common 5 top priorities
October 4 8 am DMS	Administration and FCEA meet to review schedule options to move forward with in terms of planning
November 1 7:30 am DMS Conf Rm B	FCASD, FCEA and Parent meeting #2 to share potential model

Timeline cont.

November 7 7:30 am	DMS Faculty meeting to share process of gathering feedback and share recommended model
November 16 7:30 am	DMS Site Based Team Meeting
November 16	Post video of process and send presentation of models to parents
December 13 DMS	Presentation to parents on process and new model during DMS PTO meeting
January 7	Presentation to School Board on process and new model

Common Priorities

- Variety of courses maintaining the integrity of the middle school philosophy
- Appropriate increase in class time for core classes
- Maintain safety nets for students
- Maintain strong connections between staff and students

Development Process

- Teachers and Administration worked on different schedule model concepts that met the Common Priorities in varying ways
- Teachers and Administration met with the parent group to review the models and reach consensus on one to develop
- The chosen model was analyzed according to the benefits, liabilities and the degree to which they met the Common Priorities
- Teachers and Administration will continue to meet to refine the new schedule

Benefits/Liabilities/Common Priorities

Benefits

- Equal time for core classes
- Lunch periods later
- Elective offerings in Grade 8
- Maintains current rotation/offerings in grades 6/7
- Maintains an options for Level 1 World Language in Grade 7

Liabilities

- Decreases time in UA (2 minutes) and HB (6 minutes)

Common Priorities

Schedule met all four common priorities, includes a variety of courses and core courses with equal time. Homebase time is largely maintained for relationship building and supports.

Schedule 2 - New 60 Minute CORE - REVISED

34 Minute AM HB, 60 Minute Core, 42 Minute UA/Electives - UA Teaches All Grades - 6 Day cycle - Quarters only - No Trimesters

6 th Grade		7 th Grade		8 th Grade	
Period 1 8:15 – 8:49 (34)	Homebase	Period 1 8:15 – 8:49 (34)	Homebase	Period 1 8:15 – 8:49 (34)	Homebase
Period 2 8:53 - 9:53 (60)	Core 1	Period 2 8:53 - 9:35 (42)	PE/MUSIC/WL	Period 2 8:53 - 9:53 (60)	Core 1
Period 3 9:57 - 10:57 (60)	Core 2	Period 3 9:39 - 10:21 (42)	Art/TE/CS/Health-FC S	Period 3 9:57 - 10:57 (60)	Core 2
Period 4B 11:01 - 11:43 (42)	PE/MUSIC/WL	Period 4C 10:25 - 11:25 (60)	Core 1	11:01 - 11:31 (30)	LUNCH A
11:47 - 12:17 (30)	LUNCH B	Period 5C 11:29 - 12:29 (60)	Core 2	Period 4A 11:35 - 12:35 (60)	Core 3
Period 5B 12:21 - 1:03 (42)	Art/TE/CS/Health-FC S	12:33 - 1:03 (30)	LUNCH C	Period 5A 12:39 - 1:39 (60)	Core 4
Period 6 1:07 - 2:07 (60)	Core 3	Period 6 1:07 - 2:07 (60)	Core 3	Period 6A 1:43 - 2:25 (42)	Electives
Period 7 2:11 - 3:11 (60)	Core 4	Period 7 2:11 - 3:11 (60)	Core 4	Period 7A 2:29 - 3:11 (42)	Electives

Students return to HB at 3:15 for dismissal

6 th Grade Sample Schedule 2	
Period 1 8:15 – 8:49 (34)	HOMEBASE
Period 2 8:53 - 9:53 (60)	LITERACY
Period 3 9:57 - 10:57 (60)	MATH
Period 4B 11:01 - 11:43 (42)	Days 1, 4 - BAND Days 2, 5 - PHYS ED Days 3, 6 - WORLD LANGUAGE Q1 - SPANISH Q2 - FRENCH Q3 - GERMAN Q4 - LATIN
11:47 - 12:17 (30)	LUNCH B
Period 5B 12:21 - 1:03 (42)	Q1 - ART Q2 - TECH ED Q3 - MOBILE DEVICE Q4 - HEALTH/FACS
Period 6 1:07 - 2:07 (60)	SCIENCE
Period 7 2:11 - 3:11 (60)	SOCIAL STUDIES

7 th Grade Sample Schedule 2	
Period 1 8:15 – 8:49 (34)	Homebase
Period 2 8:53 - 9:35 (42)	Q1 - ART Q2 - TECH ED Q3 - COMP SCIENCE Q4 - HEALTH/FACS
Period 3 9:39 - 10:21 (42)	Days 1,4 - PHYS ED Days 2,5 - BAND Days 3,6 - TARGET GERMAN
Period 4C 10:25 - 11:25 (60)	LITERACY
Period 5C 11:29 - 12:29 (60)	MATH
12:33 - 1:03 (30)	LUNCH C
Period 6 1:07 - 2:07 (60)	SCIENCE
Period 7 2:11 - 3:11 (60)	SOCIAL STUDIES

8 th Grade Sample Schedule 2		
	Odd Day	Even Day
Period 1 8:15 – 8:49 (34)	Homebase	
Period 2 8:53 - 9:53 (60)	SOCIAL STUDIES	
Period 3 9:57 - 10:57 (60)	LITERACY	
11:01 - 11:31 (30)	LUNCH A	
Period 4A 11:35 - 12:35 (60)	MATH	
Period 5A 12:39 - 1:39 (60)	SCIENCE	
Period 6A 1:43 - 2:25 (42)	GERMAN 1	
Period 7A 2:29 - 3:11 (42)	BAND	S1 - HEALTH/PE S2 - COMP. SCI

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Period 7 2:11 - 3:11 (60)	SOCIAL STUDIES

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Period 4C 10:25 - 11:25 (60)	LITERACY
Period 5C 11:29 - 12:29 (60)	MATH
12:33 - 1:03 (30)	LUNCH C
Period 6 1:07 - 2:07 (60)	SCIENCE
Period 7 2:11 - 3:11 (60)	SOCIAL STUDIES

8th Grade Core (Required) Courses

- Literacy
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- PE/Health
- Support (If Needed)

8th Grade Elective Offerings

90 Day courses - Year

- Band
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Foreign Language (180 Day Course)

45 Day Courses (Quarterly)

- Art
- Tech Ed.
- Family and Consumer Science
- Computer Science
- Physical Education
- General Music

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE 1 - WORLD LANGUAGE + MUSIC + SEMESTER PE + 1 UA Elective

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Period 5A 12:39 - 1:39 (60)	SCIENCE	
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Period 7A 2:29 - 3:11 (42)	BAND	S1 - HEALTH/PE S2 - COMP. SCI

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Period 5A 12:39 - 1:39 (60)	SOCIAL STUDIES	
Period 6A 1:43 - 2:25 (42)	LATIN 1	
Period 7A 2:29 - 3:11 (42)	S1 - ART S2 - TECH ED	S1 - PE/Health S2 - FACS

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE 3 -

8th Grade	Odd Day	Even Day
Period 1 8:15 – 8:49 (34)	Homebase	
Period 2 8:53 - 9:53 (60)	SCIENCE	
Period 3 9:57 - 10:57 (60)	LITERACY	
11:01 - 11:31 (30)	LUNCH A	
Period 4A 11:35 - 12:35 (60)	MATH	
Period 5A 12:39 - 1:39 (60)	SOCIAL STUDIES	
Period 6A 1:43 - 2:25 (42)	S1 - ART S2 - COMP SCI	BAND
Period 7A 2:29 - 3:11 (42)	CHORUS	S1 - PE/HEALTH S2 - FACS

Thank you!