

Common Schedule Work Group

Main points from meeting held Thurs., Jan. 26, 2012

- A Common Schedule Work Group including a combination of high school teachers, counselors and administrators has been established. There are approximately 30 people in the group.
- The Work Group will meet several times during the month of February with the expectation of completing its work prior to spring break.
- The decision to have all high schools on a common schedule was made prior to today's meeting. Principals explained why they believe having a common schedule is best for students, teachers and our community.
- The task of the Work Group is to decide what schedule will provide the optimal learning environment for all of our students while eliminating inequities for students and teachers and addressing our operational and financial constraints.
- The Work Group will make a recommendation to the superintendent, who will make a recommendation to the school board.
- Some schools will be ready to implement the new schedule this fall, and others have the option to implement the following year.
- The superintendent shared his three priorities: maximizing instructional time, reducing class size, and providing full schedules for ninth grade students beginning this fall.
- School groups spent time creating a four-year plan for three types of ninth grade students: those needing extra time and support in order to succeed, those progressing at an average pace, and those requiring an accelerated educational plan. The four-year plans were developed for two schedules: a 3x5 trimester schedule and a 4x4 block schedule (some courses being nine week courses and others 18 weeks).