



# **Hawk Hour**

## **FAQ's**

### **What is Hawk Hour?**

Hawk Hour is a combination of 30 minutes of lunch and 30 minutes of intervention/instruction/remediation/enrichment for all students at Ridgeline High School.

### **What is the purpose of Hawk Hour?**

As an administration and staff, we want to create an environment in which our students feel empowered to make decisions based on their own specific academic needs. In short, we want to treat our students like adults with the expectation that they rise to the occasion! Hawk Hour will provide students 60 minutes to use at their discretion. As long as they are doing well academically, they can use any portion of Hawk Hour to suit their needs. History has shown that students who value their education sincerely appreciate being able to identify their areas of need and the freedom to contact teachers of their choice during this time to get the help they need.

### **Why Hawk Hour instead of Flex?**

The RHS administration, in tandem with the school's leadership team, spent a significant amount of time during the last school year discussing what effective academic intervention looks like in a secondary school setting. We are excited to move to a program where students can assume more ownership of their learning by making the decision on any given day where they need to dedicate their time. In addition, we feel that by allowing those students to take that ownership, we as a staff can identify students who need more guidance (much smaller percentage of students) and provide them with extra adult mentorship.

### **What is Intensive Hawk Hour?**

Students who are struggling academically, but aren't making the decision to meet with their teachers to get the help they need will be identified and required to spend Hawk Hour in a classroom setting. Adults will be in the classroom to help them with a wide variety of items that will help students find more academic success. They will be provided a school lunch. Intensive Hawk Hour is not permanent for these students. As soon as a marked improvement is seen, they'll be allowed to resume the more normal Hawk Hour schedule.

## **What will teachers be doing during Hawk Hour?**

Teachers will be asked to identify 30 minutes of office/classroom time when they'll be available to help students with any of the following items:

- Test/Assignment Make-up
- Test Preparation
- Academic Enrichment
- Peer/Adult tutoring
- Club/Organization Meetings
- Intramurals
- Credit Recovery
- Counseling/Advisement
- Student Support Groups
- Study Skills Education
- Computer Lab Access

The remaining 30 minutes will continue to be the time teachers have to eat lunch.

## **How will I know which half of Hawk Hour I can see a teacher for help?**

Each trimester will post a schedule on their door that indicates which half of Hawk Hour he/she/they will be available. Teachers will also make the students in their classes aware of this schedule.

## **What other services will be available during Hawk Hour?**

The counseling office, testing center, career center, financial office, and front office will be fully staffed during Hawk Hour and available to students.

## **Will anything change about the lunch program and will the lunchroom be too busy?**

The lunchroom/commons will be open for the entirety of the Hawk hour (60 minutes). Both the main line lunch offerings will be available as well as ala carte. We anticipate that because the commons will be open for the entire 60 minutes, students will be able to adjust when they choose to eat lunch depending on the types of activities in which they are involved. We will have the same amount of time to serve lunch to our students as we had on a double lunch program. We encourage all students to remain at the school during Hawk hour to take advantage of the food options available there.

