



EAST MINICO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To whom it may concern,

We have used our advisory period at East Minico to positively impact student learning in many ways. On Wednesdays, advisory teachers review all of their students' grades. If a student is failing a class or has missing assignments, then they are assigned to that class on Thursday and Friday to receive extra support. Those who have passing grades and no missing assignments are able to choose a place to go as an incentive for maintaining passing grades. We call this our Pirate Power Hour. This first trimester we started this program, it decreased our amount of F's by 53%. We feel this program has continued to provide assistance to our struggling students and rewards kids for doing well in their classes.

Students only have two days of advisory once we begin Pirate Power Hour (Sept 14) and some students only have one day of advisory because we have math interventions on Mondays. There is no curriculum for those 1-2 days of advisory. There are some assignments that vary by teacher and by year, but a lot of teachers ask students to bring signed grade sheets as one of the only (if not the only) graded assignments for the advisory classes.

This year we have started our new Readvisory class, which will account for half of students' advisory grades. The concept originated from being asked to figure out how to move to a later first lunch. While we have seen huge growth in our students' STAR and SBAC scores over the last two years, we also saw a need to improve our students' reading skills and background knowledge. I met with our ELA teachers this summer and we collectively developed lesson plans for the whole school year. Every Thursday and Friday morning, all our teachers are teaching these reading lessons to our students.

Here are the schedules containing advisory/ our new Readvisory:

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE A				THURSDAY/FRIDAY SCHEDULE			
Period	Start	End			Start	End	
1st	8:10 AM	9:23 AM	73m	Readvisor	8:10	8:35	25m
2nd	9:27 AM	10:35 AM	68m	1st	8:39	9:43	64m
LUNCH A	10:35 AM	11:01 AM	26m	2nd	9:47	10:51	64m
3rd A	11:05 AM	12:13 PM	68m	LUNCH A	10:51	11:17	26m
3rd B	10:39 AM	11:47 AM	68m	3rd A	10:55	11:59	64m
LUNCH B	11:47 AM	12:13 PM	26m	3rd B	11:21	12:25	64m
4th	12:17 PM	1:25 PM	68m	LUNCH B	11:59	12:25	26m
5th	1:29 PM	2:37 PM	68m	4th	12:29	1:33	64m
6th/Adv	2:41 PM	3:10 PM	29m	5th	1:37	2:41	64m
				PPH	2:44	3:10	26 m

Thank you and if you have any questions please let me know,