

Middle School Schedule Review

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A look to the past

- Site-based decision making on school schedules
 - Class length
 - Core and elective offerings
- Study team equity focus to ensure that middle school students have choice in elective opportunities and benefit from a well-articulated and consistent transition to high school
- Common Middle School Experience Team formed to develop a schedule based on six scheduling objectives that guided their work
- Current schedule implemented in 2021-22.

Current Schedule

Period	Course	Advisory Schedule (M, Tu) Length (minutes)	Regular Schedule (W,Th,F) Length (minutes)
A	Advisory	36	
1	Elective #1	37	42
2	Elective #2	37	42
3	Language Arts	37	42
4	Social Studies	37	42
L	Lunch	30	30
5	PE / Health	37	42
6	Math	54	61
7	Science	54	61
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4 minute passing periods between classes and 5 minute passing period after lunch.

Math and science teachers teach 4 cohorts of students.

All other teachers teach 6 cohorts of students.

During the first year of implementation several stakeholder groups raised concerns about the current schedule's impact on student learning:

- Disruptions to learning due to frequent transitions
- Inadequate class time to ensure students meet learning targets, including those who would benefit from individualized attention and interventions
- Difficulty in scheduling students in a team model for core classes
- Significant increase in the total number of students taught by Language Arts and Social Studies teachers

In response to concerns about the current schedule, in the fall of 2022, BSD contracted with Education Northwest to review the current schedule.