



# *Aligning and Redesigning* Middle School in District 97

Committee of the Whole  
Board of Education Meeting  
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# What's the Big Idea?







# Our Team

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# AGENDA

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- Big Idea
- Our Team
- Background
- Alignment
- Redesign
- Questions/Feedback



# 2023-24 Middle School Alignment: Master Schedule



# OVERVIEW

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During the 2023-24 school year, the middle school team worked to align key structures across Brooks and Julian to ensure baseline consistency in instructional systems.

As we begin our process of alignment, one key initiative has been bringing more consistency to our master schedule across middle schools.

We will continue this important work during the 2024-25 school year.





## BACKGROUND

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Before COVID-19, District 97 middle schools had **all nine periods**, but during the pandemic the middle schools pivoted to **block scheduling**.

During the 2023-24 school year, we began re-examine the middle school master schedule to **ensure alignment** between schools

Next year we will be working to **rebuild the master schedule** to meet our vision for the future of District 97 middle schools.



# BARRIERS

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Provides opportunities  
for in-depth learning

Allows alternate  
methods of teaching

Fewer transitions



Loss of continuity

Lengthy periods

Greater loss if absent

Programming requirement needs

Limited access to student choice  
of courses





## 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR (NOW)

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During the 2023-24 school year, the middle school team worked to align key structures across Brooks and Julian to ensure baseline consistency in instructional systems, including **consistent and equitable operational systems.**

- Parallel course names/bell schedules will allow us to redesign for the universal design of rigorous, culturally and linguistically learning experiences and students outcomes



As the middle school team focused on learning and aligning our systems, we found that Brooks and Julian Middle Schools currently has:

- Different bell schedules and course names
- Inconsistencies in some course offerings



# PJMS Bell Schedules

## J Day

Time	Period	Miss	Consequences
8:00 - 9:00	1	10	
9:00 - 9:40	2	2	Detention Room
9:40 - 10:15	3	25	Detention Room
10:15 - 10:45	4	10	Detention Room
10:45 - 11:30	5	10	Detention Room
11:30 - 12:15	6	10	Detention Room
12:15 - 12:45	7	10	Detention Room
12:45 - 1:15	8	10	Detention Room
1:15 - 1:45	9	10	Detention Room
1:45 - 2:15	10	10	Detention Room
2:15 - 2:45	11	10	Detention Room
2:45 - 3:15	12	10	Detention Room

## A Day

Time	Period	Miss	Consequences
8:00 - 8:30	1	75	
8:30 - 9:00	2	5	Detention Room
9:00 - 10:15	3	5	Detention Room
10:15 - 11:30	4	75	Detention Room
11:30 - 12:15	5	75	Detention Room
12:15 - 1:15	6	75	Detention Room
1:15 - 2:15	7	75	Detention Room
2:15 - 3:15	8	75	Detention Room

## B Day

Time	Period	Miss	Consequences
8:00 - 8:30	1	5	
8:30 - 9:00	2	5	Detention Room
9:00 - 10:15	3	5	Detention Room
10:15 - 11:30	4	75	Detention Room
11:30 - 12:15	5	75	Detention Room
12:15 - 1:15	6	75	Detention Room
1:15 - 2:15	7	75	Detention Room
2:15 - 3:15	8	75	Detention Room

# GBMS Bell Schedules

### 6th Grade Schedule A Day

Time	Period	Days	Lunch/SOAK
8:00-8:08	1	7a	
8:10-8:18	2	7a	
8:20-8:28	3a	7a	lunch
8:30-8:38	4a	7a	
8:40-8:48	5a	7a	lunch
8:50-8:58	6	7a	
9:00-9:08	7	7a	

### 7th/8th Grade Schedule A Day

Time	Period	Days	Lunch/SOAK
8:00-8:08	1	7a	
8:10-8:18	2	7a	
8:20-8:28	3a	7a	lunch
8:30-8:38	4a	7a	
8:40-8:48	5a	7a	SOAK/Lunch/SOAK
8:50-8:58	6	7a	
9:00-9:08	7	7a	SOAK/Lunch/SOAK
9:10-9:18	8	7a	

### All Grade Levels C Day Schedule

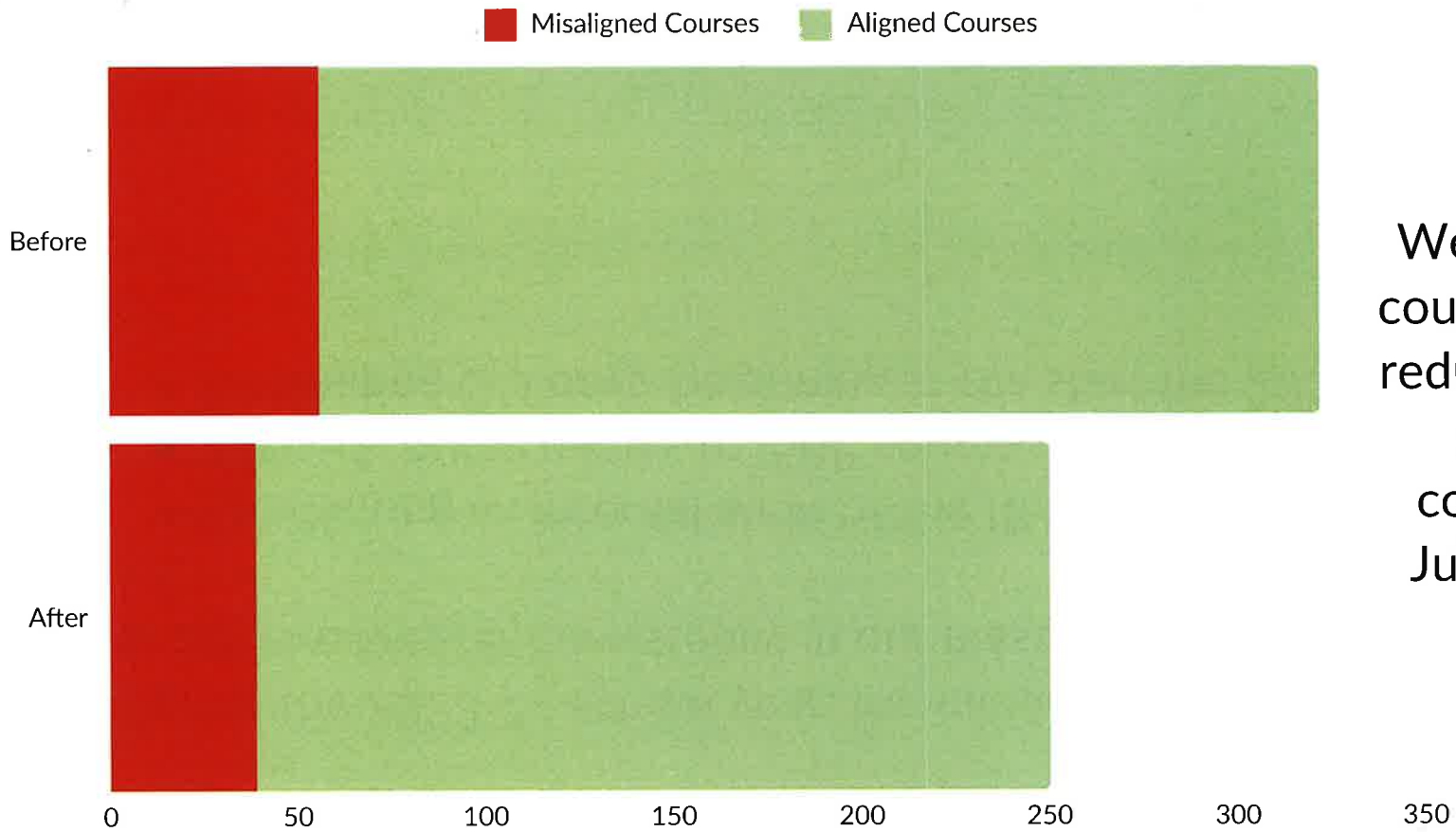
	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
8:00 to 8:30	1	1	1
8:30 to 8:55	2	2	2
8:55 to 9:20	3	3	3
9:20 to 9:50	4	4	4
9:50 to 10:20	5	5	5
10:20 to 10:50	6	6	6
10:50 to 11:20	7	7	7
11:20 to 11:50	8	8	8
11:50 to 12:20	9	9	9
12:20 to 12:50	10	10	10
12:50 to 1:20	11	11	11
1:20 to 1:50	12	12	12
1:50 to 2:20	13	13	13
2:20 to 2:50	14	14	14
2:50 to 3:20	15	15	15

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We've streamlined course offerings and reduced the number of misaligned courses between Julian and Brooks





## 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR (NOW)

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During the 2023-24 school year, the middle school leadership team worked to achieve greater consistency in our master schedule by:

- Conducting an internal audit of the IB program
- Aligned course names to ISBE course names for the 2024-25 school year
- Eliminating C/J days, beginning at the start the 2024-25 school year



2024-25

Middle School Alignment:  
Culture, Climate and Safety



# NOW

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## Planning/Preparing for the 2024-25 School Year

As part of the middle school team's work to **align in culture, climate and safety systems**, a group of nearly 60 cross-functional staff members from Brooks and Julian will come together on June 5 to plan for the 2024-25 school year.

This strategic planning session is designed to **create alignment and clarity** in social, emotional, and behavioral support systems across both District 97 middle schools in the upcoming school year.





# JUNE 5TH - MS COLLABORATION(NOW)

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## 2024-25 Culture, Climate and Safety Topics

- Lockers/Backpacks
- Cell Phones
- IDs
- Lunch/Social Time/Recess
- Hallway/Bathroom



# JUNE 5TH - MS COLLABORATION(NOW)

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## 2024-25 Outcomes for Culture, Climate and Safety

- Behavioral Expectations Matrix
- Procedures and Routines Review
- Intervention/Celebrations
- Communication and Engagement
- Progress Monitoring



Students



Families



Staff

