

Minico High School

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Dr. Ken Cox and Minidoka County School Board of Trustees

Semester Instructional Schedule at Minico High School for 2019-2020 School Year

The staff of Minico High School would like to recommend that we change our instructional schedule beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Currently, MHS is on a hybrid schedule in which core classes are on semesters and elective classes are on trimesters. The administration and staff at Minico have researched schedule options over the past four years. Below are a bullet points that outline the factors as to why we chose to move to a semester.

1. By going to a semester, we would align better with Mt. Harrison High School. Since we have students moving back and forth between the two schools we decided that it would be mutually beneficial to be on a schedule that better facilitates movement between the two schools. Currently when students transfer to MHHS, they lose their elective credits because they are in the middle of a trimester.
2. We have a few dual credit classes that are not on a semester. In order to provide sufficient class time for the courses and align with the colleges we need to be on a true semester schedule.
3. Semesters allow for students to be in core classes for the entire year and to be in elective classes for 18 weeks of instruction.
4. We have had many issues with attendance due to the confusion of how many absences are allowed on our current hybrid schedule.
5. We want students to have the core subjects the entire year. We do not have the staffing to remain in a trimester and have those core classes all year. If we were to go back to a trimester system, there would be gaps in those core subject areas.

These are the main reasons for the move. We have researched many different instructional schedules and have found a variety that work for the school which they serve. I have attached a draft of the proposed bell schedule to give you an idea what that would look like.

Thank you for your consideration,

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