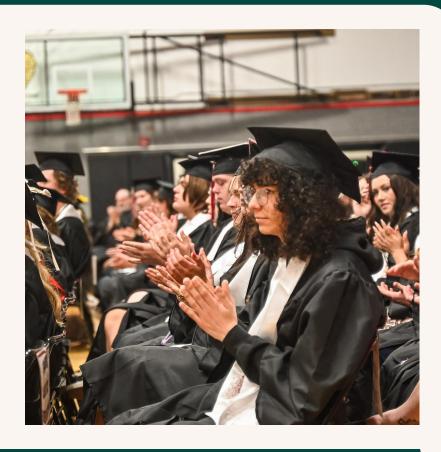# Semester System

2026/27

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Agenda

- The Why behind Semesters
- Bell Schedule
- Breakfast/Lunch
- Block Days
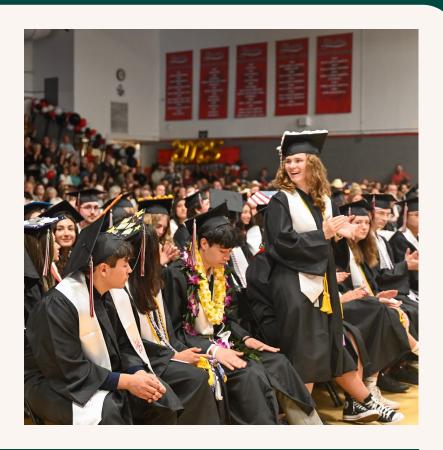- Credit Requirements
- Honors Diploma

Why Semesters?

- Trend Data:
  - Math:
    - 31% did not take or failed Alg 2
    - 21% were not in math
    - Almost everyone else that did not meet were still in Algebra 2 and not finished
- OSAS Test- % of students meeting or exceeding:
  - ELA: 39.7%
  - Math: 20.3%
  - Science: 17.2%
- Students struggle if they have 1 trimester between the A and B sections of 1.0 credit courses

Option 1

Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration	Notes
Breakfast	8:30 AM	8:40 AM	10 min	4 min passing periods
1	8:45 AM	9:37 AM	52 min	
2	9:41 AM	10:33 AM	52 min	
3	10:37 AM	11:29 AM	52 min	
4	11:33 AM	12:25 PM	52 min	
Lunch	12:25 PM	12:57 PM	32 min	
5	1:01 PM	1:53 PM	52 min	
6	1:57 PM	2:49 PM	52 min	
7	2:53 PM	3:45 PM	52 min	

Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration	
Breakfast	8:30 AM	8:40 AM	10 min	5 min passing periods
1	8:45 AM	10:19 AM	94 min	
3	10:24 AM	11:58 AM	94 min	
Lunch	11:58 AM	12:28 PM	30 min	
5	12:32 PM	2:06 PM	94 min	
7	2:11 PM	3:45 PM	94 min	

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Breakfast	8:30 AM	8:40 AM	10 min	5 min passing periods
2	8:45 AM	10:19 AM	94 min	
Advisory/Intervention	10:24 AM	11:58 AM	94 min	
Lunch	11:58 AM	12:28 PM	30 min	
4	12:32 PM	2:06 PM	94 min	
6	2:11 PM	3:45 PM	94 min	

Option 2

Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration	Notes
1	8:45 AM	9:36 AM	51 min	4 min passing periods
Breakfast	9:36 AM	9:46 AM	10 min	
2	9:50 AM	10:41 AM	51 min	
3	10:45 AM	11:36 AM	51 min	
4	11:40 AM	12:31 PM	51 min	
Lunch	12:31 PM	1:01 PM	30 min	
5	1:05 PM	1:56 PM	51 min	
6	2:00 PM	2:51 PM	51 min	
7	2:55 PM	3:45 PM	51 min	

Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration	
1	8:45 AM	10:15 AM	90 min	5 min passing periods
Breakfast	10:15 AM	10:30 AM	15 min	
3	10:35 AM	12:05 PM	90 min	
Lunch	12:05 PM	12:35 PM	30 min	
5	12:40 PM	2:10 PM	90 min	
7	2:15 PM	3:45 PM	90 min	

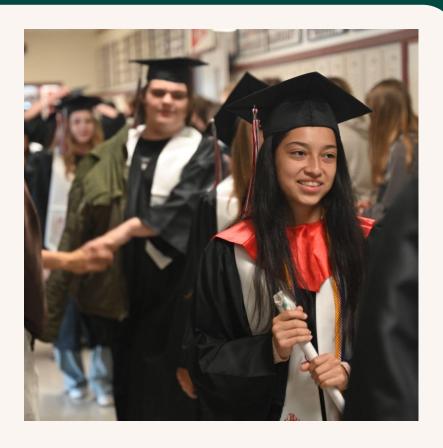| Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration	
2	8:45 AM	10:15 AM	90 min	5 min passing periods
Breakfast	10:15 AM	10:30 AM	15 min	
Advisory/Intervention	10:35 AM	12:05 PM	90 min	
Lunch	12:05 PM	12:35 PM	30 min	
4	12:40 PM	2:10 PM	90 min	
6	2:15 PM	3:45 PM	90 min	

Pros

- Full year of instruction Math, ELA, Science, Spanish (no gaps)
- More instructional time per .5 credit (3696 min. vs 3990-4104 min.) while offering the same number of sections
- Decrease schedule conflicts for requested classes
- Increase availability for electives/intervention in the students schedule
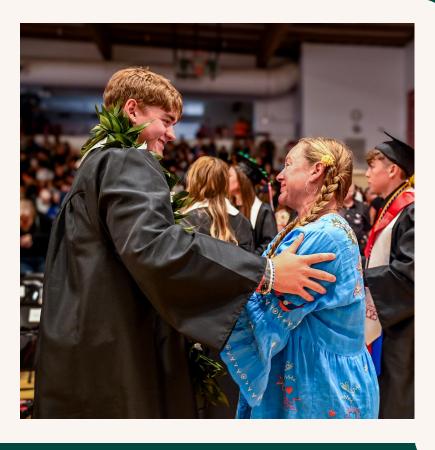- Time for immersive and engaging activities.

Changes

- Full year of Math, ELA, Science, Spanish and other courses that have A and B sections
- 2 min longer lunch
- 24 credits vs 28- Board Policy Change
- Athletic Eligibility:
    - Spring grades will determine Fall sports eligibility and the beginning of the winter sports season eligibility.
    - Once semester grades roll, a student who might have started out eligible might become ineligible if they do not pass 6 of 7 classes.

Honors Diploma

- No D or F on transcript, all core classes must be for a letter grade
- GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Pass ELA, Math, and Science OSAS tests*

- 4 credits of ELA: one of which must be AP or college level
- 4 credits of Math: one credit must be at or above Algebra III/Pre-Calculus Level
- 4 credits of Science: one credit must be advanced science (i.e.- Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology)
- 3 credits of Social Sciences
- 1 credit of Health Education
- 1 credit of Physical Education
- 2 credits of World Language in the same language
- 2 credits of Career and Technical Education (Business, Construction Trades, Natural Resources) &/or Fine Arts (Choir, Band, Art)
- .5 credit in Personal Finance
- .5 in Career Pathways
- 6 credits in Electives
- A minimum of 12 college credits need to be connected to college credit: Dual Credit/Expanded Options