



Huntsville Intermediate School

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As we strive for continuous improvement in our educational practices at Huntsville Intermediate School, I am writing to propose a small adjustment to our current scheduling for art classes. I am requesting a waiver of Standard 1.A.5 - Class size for a period of 1 year. The teacher will not exceed the maximum of 150 students per day.

Given that we are designated as a D school and moving to a four day week, it's imperative that we utilize our instructional time efficiently to provide our students with the best possible learning opportunities. Combining two art classes into one time slot allows us to maximize instructional time. Our plan is to have approximately 50 students in a class with a paraprofessional to push in to assist the art teacher. This plan provides students with the required 1440 minutes a year of art.

Condensing art classes creates longer uninterrupted blocks of instructional time and allows most core content to be taught during the first half of the day. It also allows teachers at each grade level to have common planning time. Additionally, this adjustment provides time to incorporate tier 2 and tier 3 intervention, which addresses a broad range of students' needs in foundational skills.

I am confident that this adjustment will have a positive impact on our students' learning outcomes and contribute to our efforts to enhance academic achievement at Huntsville Intermediate School.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and address any concerns or questions you may have. Thank you for considering this request, and I look forward to your feedback.

Warm Regards,

Kaela Hawkins

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