

Mingus Union High School District

Proposed Adjustment to Instructional Hours/Schedule for 2016-2017 School Year

Problem: The impact of instructional minutes lost due to early release days resulted in insufficient instructional minutes for senior students enrolled at the ARS 15-901 minimum of 4 courses for full-time student designation.

Collaborative decision-making process: Site Council and Faculty Council discussed this issue during their April meetings. Governing Board provided input and feedback at April 26, 2016, meeting. Site Council and Faculty Council discusses further at May meetings, with Faculty Council consensus regarding the schedule proposed below.

Current Daily Schedule	Proposed 2016-17 Daily Schedule (adjusted to accommodate early release impact on instructional time)
Period 1 8:40-9:35 (55 minutes)	Period 1 8:40-9:35 (55 minutes)
Period 2 9:40-10:35 (55)	Period 2 9:40-10:35 (55)
Period 3 10:40-11:35 (55)	Period 3 10:40-11:40 (60)
Period 4 11:40-12:40 (60)	Period 4 11:45-12:45 (60)
Lunch 12:40-1:20 (40)	Lunch 12:45-1:25 (40)
Period 5 1:20-2:15 (55)	Period 5 1:25-2:20 (55)
Period 6 2:20-3:20 (60)	Period 6 2:25-3:20 (55)
Common senior block (periods 1-4) = 720 hours	Common senior block (periods 1-4) = 735 hours

Additional information regarding discussions of change in enrollment requirement: Both Site Council and Faculty Council intend to study the proposal to increase the MUHS enrollment requirement for seniors from 4 courses to 5 or 6 courses. Councils and administration are in agreement that this is a significant culture shift which warrants a timeline and thorough plan for communication to students and families. Considerations for this study include but are not limited to:

- Change in graduation requirements
- Change in athletic eligibility requirements
- Assessment of staffing needs
- Potential impact on graduation/dropout rates
- Community and family impact

This decision-making process should conclude by December of 2016. Should enrollment requirements for seniors be amended by the MUHSD Governing Board, a communication plan should commence in January 2017 in preparation for the 17-18 school year.