

Reynolds High School – Block Schedule Information

Hello RHS Families,

As we look ahead to next school year, several changes are underway to improve instruction and the academic supports provided to our students. One of the ways we will do this is through the bell schedule. We are pleased to announce that we will shift to a block class schedule starting in the 2023-2024 school year.

Students will take four classes (1st – 4th period) on an 'A' day and four classes (5th – 8th period) on a 'B' day. Fewer classes each day allows for more time in the classroom, which increases the opportunities for students to interact with the material they are learning and receive support in real time. It also allows for more time to complete science experiments and projects in classes like metals, woods, culinary, and art. Students will only need to manage homework for four classes each night, instead of seven. Plus, adding an eighth class to their schedule will allow students to explore more educational opportunities through our expansive elective course offerings.

Here's a sample of how the schedule could look over two weeks:

Monday (Late Start) 'A' Day		Tuesday 'B' Day		Wednesday 'A' Day		Thursday 'B' Day		Friday 'A' Day	
1 st Period		5 th Period		1 st Period		5 th Period		1 st Period	
2 nd Period		6 th Period		2 nd Period		6 th Period		2 nd Period	
1 st Lunch	3 rd Period	1 st Lunch	7 th Period	1 st Lunch	3 rd Period	1 st Lunch	7 th Period	1 st Lunch	3 rd Period
3 rd Period	2 nd Lunch	7 th Period	2 nd Lunch	3 rd Period	2 nd Lunch	7 th Period	2 nd Lunch	3 rd Period	2 nd Lunch
4 th Period		8 th Period		4 th Period		8 th Period		4 th Period	
Monday (Late Start) 'B' Day		Tuesday 'A' Day		Wednesday 'B' Day		Thursday 'A' Day		Friday 'B' Day	
5 th Period		1 st Period		5 th Period		1 st Period		5 th Period	
6 th Period		2 nd Period		6 th Period		2 nd Period		6 th Period	
1 st Lunch	7 th Period	1 st Lunch	3 rd Period	1 st Lunch	7 th Period	1 st Lunch	3 rd Period	1 st Lunch	7 th Period
7 th Period	2 nd Lunch	3 rd Period	2 nd Lunch	7 th Period	2 nd Lunch	3 rd Period	2 nd Lunch	7 th Period	2 nd Lunch
8 th Period		4 th Period		8 th Period		4 th Period		8 th Period	

Exact times are not yet determined

Block Schedule FAQ:

How long will each class be?

- While the schedule is still being finalized, classes will be around 90 minutes.

Will the start and end times change?

- Start and end times will only change by a few minutes, if at all.

Will Late Starts still be on Monday?

- Yes, classes will be shorter on Mondays to accommodate Late Start, approximately 70 minutes.

How many classes will my student take per year?

- Students will take eight classes each semester.
- In a block schedule students have the opportunity to take 32 credits, as opposed to 28 credits in the traditional seven period day.
- Students will have the opportunity to take more electives and interest-based classes than in our current seven period day.
- On-track juniors and seniors may be eligible for late arrival or early release upon request.

Will my student only have school every other day?

- No, all students will be in school every day.

Will athletic or after school programs be limited by the new schedule?

- No, we will still have a full range of athletic offerings and after-school club opportunities.

What effect will block scheduling have on student discipline?

- Schools with block schedules report fewer discipline issues due to fewer transitions during the school day.

Will students attending the Center for Advanced Learning (CAL) be impacted by this change?

- No, students will continue to transition at lunch time.