

Greetings Grant HS Students and Families,

We are writing to inform you of a change we are making to the daily bell schedule starting Monday, September 14th. We recognize this notification is occurring close to that date, but feel strongly this change is in the best interest of all students. The change originated through dialogue with our teachers and a concern that students had too few live class sessions with their teachers. Additionally there was concern that the previous schedule was difficult for students and families to follow, as not all classes met each day. This would possibly create barriers to academic support, routines and daily structure. All of which we know are key ingredients to students' academic success.

In the previous schedule, which we released through a message sent August 31st, students only attended live sessions for each of their classes two times each week. In this model, students will attend all four of their classes at the same time Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. While each live class is shortened, the total number of weekly instructional minutes remains the same. Wednesday's are reserved for small group instruction, asynchronous learning, Flex and for teachers to work with their colleagues to design instruction, assessments and student supports.

We believe this schedule will benefit all students, particularly students who need additional support. Furthermore, we believe this new schedule provides greater opportunity for teachers to build community in their classrooms, which is more challenging as a result of online instruction. Lastly, we believe the increased frequency in live classes will benefit students' skills practice as compared to the previously released schedule.

As with many components of adjusting our school system to meet the changing realities brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, we appreciate the flexibility and patience of our students, families and staff. We know that some students and families have already set up routines at home based on the previously released schedule. For those of you in which this is the case, we ask for your understanding and appreciate your flexibility. Similarly to how teachers reflect and adjust their classroom lessons, we will continue to monitor the effectiveness of this schedule. If we determine there is a better schedule that meets the needs of all students, particularly our students who need the most support, we will make those changes and share those changes with our community.

Sincerely,

Grant HS Administrative Team

New Student Schedule Starting September 14th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	Applied Learning				
9:15-9:55	Period 1	Period 1	P1 SGI/AL	Period 1	Period 1
10:00-10:40	Period 2	Period 2	P2 SGI/AL	Period 2	Period 2
10:45-11:25	Period 3	Period 3	P3 SGI/AL	Period 3	Period 3
11:30-12:10	Period 4	Period 4	P4 SGI/AL	Period 4	Period 4
12:10-12:40	Lunch				
12:45-1:55	Period 1	Period 2	Office Hours/Flex (12:40-1:55pm)	Period 1	Period 2
2:00-3:15	Period 3	Period 4	Applied Learning	Period 3	Period 4
3:15	Student Clubs may meet after school virtually				

Key Terms	Definition
Synchronous Learning	Also known as Synchronous Learning, students will participate in live virtual classrooms and webinars. Teachers will use a variety of strategies to present content, have student practice with the work, use breakout groups, and develop their skills.
Asynchronous Learning	Also known as "OnDemand Learning". During these blocks the teacher is available and may start out class with a whole class check in, and then students work on content through pre-recorded lessons, readings, podcasts, videos, practice problems, activities, and assignments. Some are online, while others may be offline. Teachers are available for the first 35 min of the class to help students.
Small Group Instruction	Teachers may pull students into small group learning to provide challenge, enrichment, support or extra instruction in both models. Meeting invite links will come through the teacher's virtual platform (ex: Canvas).
Office Hours	When teachers are free for students to "drop in" to ask questions or get additional assistance.
Applied Learning	This is time to work on independent routines, practices and application of teacher facilitated learning. This is very similar to asynchronous learning, but teachers will not be available during these times.

Previously Released Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	Applied Learning				
9:15-10:30	Period 1 (Live)	Period 3 (Live)	P1 SGI/AL (9:15-9:50) P2 SGI/AL (9:55-10:30)	Period 1 (Live)	Period 3 (Live)
10:40-11:55	Period 2 (Live)	Period 4 (Live)	P3 SGI/AL (10:40-11:15) P4 SGI/AL (11:20-11:55)	Period 2 (Live)	Period 4 (Live)
11:55-12:35	Lunch / Student Clubs				
12:35-1:50	Period 3 (AL, SGI)	Period 1 (AL, SGI)	Office Hours and SGI (until 1:45)	Period 3 (AL,SGI)	Period 1 (AL, SGI)
2:00-3:15	Period 4 (AL, SGI)	Period 2 (AL, SGI)	Applied Learning	Period 4 (AL,SGI)	Period 2 (AL, SGI)
3:15	Student Clubs may also meet after school virtually				