

9 Period Day Proposals

POBJFK High School

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Two Proposals Considered

Proposal 1: the Flex-Teaching Schedule Model

- This plan creates an additional instructional period for the school day by **modifying the teachers' work day**. Classes would be offered periods 0-9.
- Teachers would work either during **periods 0-8** or **periods 1-9**.
- Teachers working on a 1-9 schedule would provide remedial every day in period 9, as currently exists. **Remedial** would be available **every other day** during **periods 0 and 9 (even days)** from teachers teaching in these periods.
- **Half-year courses** would be offered during **periods 0 and 9, on odd days**.
- **Prescriptive Remedial** would be offered **2 periods** out of the 6 day cycle.
- The **length of each class period** remains **42 minutes** and the **passing time** between classes remains at **4 minutes**.

Periods 0 and 9: Remedial and Professional Meetings

- During **periods 0 and 9 half-year courses** will be offered on **ODD DAYS**
- **Remedial** would be offered on **EVEN DAYS** during period 0 and every day during period 9
- **Professional Meetings** will be conducted during period 9, **EVEN DAYS**.
 - **Examples of Professional Meetings:** Faculty, Department, SRC Faculty, SRC Representatives, Case Conferences, IST (Instructional Support Team)
- On even days when the entire faculty attend meetings, remedial during period 0 will not be offered. The entire faculty will work periods 1-9 so they could attend the period 9 meeting.

Proposal 1

Pros and Cons

- All students will have the option of taking an **additional course** or having a **lunch period** or **free period**.
- The **start of the school day** would be **18 minutes earlier** than our current model and the **end would be increased by 23 minutes**, in order to accommodate an additional instructional period.
- All students will have **opportunities** to attend the **remedial periods** during **periods 0 and 9**.
- **Prescriptive Remedial** will provide additional opportunities for students to meet with teachers for academic support. It will be scheduled for **2 periods out of every 6 day cycle** for all teachers.
- **Students** will be able to **attend remedial** in the morning **AND** the afternoon.
- **Teachers** will only be able to **provide remedial** in the morning **OR** the afternoon.
- The flex work schedule can be **challenging** for members of the teaching staff.
- The **earlier start time** is not in the best interest of teenagers.

Proposal 1

Current and Proposed Bell Schedule

<i>Period</i>	<i>Current Period Times</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Proposed Period Times</i>	<i>Duration</i>
• 0	N/A	N/A	7:10-7:52 (Rem. Even/Class Odd)	42
• 1	7:28-8:15	47	7:56-8:38	42
• 2	8:19-9:01	42	8:42-9:24	42
• 3	9:05-9:47	42	9:28-10:10	42
• 4	9:51-10:33	42	10:14-10:56	42
• 5	10:37-11:19	42	11:00-11:42	42
• 6	11:23-12:05	42	11:46-12:28	42
• 7	12:09-12:51	42	12:32-1:14	42
• 8	12:55-1:37	42	1:18-2:00	42
• 9	1:41-2:23 (Remedial/Mtgs)	42	2:04-2:46 (Rem. & Mtgs/Class)	42
• 10	2:27-3:09 (Clubs) (Sports: 3:10pm)	42	2:50-3:30 (Clubs)(Sports: 3:15pm)	42

Proposal 2: the *Enhanced* Current Model

- This plan most resembles the model we currently have in place.
- The school would operate on a **period 1 through 9 instructional day**.
- **Period 10** would be reserved for **professional meetings and remedial**.
- **Period 10** remedial would occur **Monday through Thursday** every week.
- **Passing time** between periods would be reduced from 4 minutes to **3 minutes**.
- Each **class period** would be reduced from 42 minutes to **40 minutes**.
- **Lunch** would be offered during **periods 3 through 8**, instead of 3 through 7.

Proposal 2:

Current & Proposed Bell Schedule

<i>Period</i>	<i>Current Period Times</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Proposed Period Times</i>	<i>Duration</i>
• 1	7:28-8:15	47	7:27-8:07	40
• 2	8:19-9:01	42	8:10-8:50	40
• 3	9:05-9:47	42	8:53-9:33	40
• 4	9:51-10:33	42	9:36-10:16	40
• 5	10:37-11:19	42	10:19-10:59	40
• 6	11:23-12:05	42	11:02-11:42	40
• 7	12:09-12:51	42	11:45-12:25	40
• 8	12:55-1:37	42	12:28-1:08	40
• 9	1:41-2:23 (Remedial/Mtgs)	42	1:11-1:51	40
• 10	2:27-3:09 (Clubs)	42	1:51-2:31 (Remedial/Mtgs: M-Th)	40
• 11	3:10 (Sports)	--	2:31-3:11 (Clubs)(Sports: 3:12pm)	40

Period 10:

Remedial and Professional Meetings

- All students would have access to their teacher during Remedial, unlike with our current model. There would be no classes scheduled during period 10, preserving it for **Remedial and Professional Meetings**, every **Monday through Thursday**.
 - Examples of professional meetings: Faculty, Department, SRC Faculty, SRC Representatives, Case Conferences, IST (Instructional Support Team)
- **Remedial: Monday-Thursday, from 1:51-2:31pm**
- Staff will not be available to provide Remedial or attend Professional Meetings on **Fridays**.

Proposal 2:

Pros and Cons

- All students will have the option of taking an **additional course** or having a **lunch period** or **free period**.
- The **start of the school day** will essentially **remain the same**; going from 7:28am to 7:27am.
- The **end of the instructional day** is only **increasing by 14 minutes**, going from 1:37pm to 1:51pm.
- **All staff will work the same start and end times**, enabling everyone to attend meetings.
- Each **instructional period** is **reduced to 40 minutes**, which is more **consistent** with other districts.
- **Passing time** between periods is **reduced to 3 minutes**.
- All students will have **equal opportunities to attend the remedial period**, since classes will no longer be scheduled during the last instructional period of the day.
- **Prescriptive Remedial** will provide additional opportunities for students to meet with teachers for academic support. It will be scheduled **3 times out of every 6 day cycle** for all teachers.

Superintendent's Recommendation

- Both proposals were given careful considerations, weighing pros and cons
- There is unanimous approval for Proposal II
- It is therefore my recommendation to have Proposal II be considered for adoption for the 2016-17 school year.
- Informational Forum, **March 3 at the POBJFK HS**
 - **Flyer sent to all grade 7-12 homes**
- Q & A posted on the website
- The BOE calendar has the 9 period day discussion calendared for **March 21st**