

*Elementary Schools
Schedule Changes 20-21*

Benefits

- More uninterrupted instructional time (Increase of 5 minutes-Grades 1-3 and 30 minutes in Grades 4-5)
- Seamless half day schedule in which times are consistent and no one misses special area classes
- Time for teacher meeting with administrators without having to pay subs or EAs to cover classes
- Longer blocks of uninterrupted instructional time and prep time for all teachers
- No additional staff would be needed for Elizabeth Haddon health as was previously discussed in BOE curriculum committee

Benefits

- 45 minutes of co-planning time daily for all teachers in Grades 1-5 with the ability to have co-planning time for co-teachers
- Some co-planning time for K teachers (none currently)
- More co-planning time for special ed and general ed teachers
- Teacher prep time in K increases by 30 minutes
- Co-planning time daily for all specialists teachers
- 1 hour of dedicated instructional time in all core areas in Grade 5 departmentalization
- Adding 15 minutes to each General Music Class
- Consistent prep times making the day predictable for both students and staff
- Consistent length of preps (45 minutes) for all special areas except for Health and extra Spanish period in Grades 4-5 (previously special areas were 30, 40, 45, or 50)
- Two separate lunch/recess periods for students

Challenges

- Due to the part time PE teacher, health classes will all be 30 minutes. Thus 4th and 5th grades lose 10 minutes of health per cycle.
- We will need the orchestra teacher to teach FT at the elementary level. Currently that is a part time position. The current allocation is not equitable given the number of students currently enrolled in strings. The orchestra teacher would also be asked to teach general music to relieve Mike Hecker of some of the classes as he teaches Band. Without this change he would be teaching 315 more minutes of general music than his current schedule.
- There are 207 orchestra students in all three elementary schools and 45 orchestra students in grades 6 thru 12. Numbers alone warrant a full time teacher in the elementary program.
- 4th-5th Grade Choir will be offered before school instead of during the school day. It will be optional instead of mandatory. General music classes will be 45 minutes (instead of 30) allowing for more singing time.
- Spanish will be offered 1 time per cycle for 45 minutes for Grades 1-3 instead of 2 times per cycle for 30 minutes. Grades 4-5 will have Spanish 2 times per cycle; once for 45 minutes; once for 30 minutes. This is an increase of 15 minutes of Spanish instruction each cycle.

Challenges

- Art decreases by 5 minutes.
- Teacher prep time in grades 1-3 decreases by 5 minutes (due to Art change)
- Teacher prep time in grades 4-5 decreases by 30 minutes (due to Choir change)
- All teacher prep periods meet contractual requirements.
- Kristin Kimmell can no longer teach art class 1st period at HMHS and becomes full time at Lizzy Haddon.
- Spanish and Music teachers will not continue to have the option of teaching certain grade levels. They will need to teach classes for K through 5.

School Districts That Have Choir During The School Day (excluding Lunch/Recess)

- North Caldwell
- Tewksbury
- Cherry Hill
- West-Windsor Plainsboro
- Woodcliff Lake

School Districts That Have Choir Outside of School Day (Lunch/Recess, Before/After School)

- Audubon
- Harrison
- Upper Saddle
- Haddon Heights
- Chatham
- Bernards
- Chester Twp
- Mendham Twp
- Cranbury
- Essex Fells
- Glen Rock
- Mountain Lakes
- Montgomery Township
- Little Silver
- Magnolia

School Districts That Do Not Offer Choir

- Berlin
- Washington Twp
- Mendham Borough
- Rumson

Choir

After meeting with choir teacher Polly Murray in regards to music changes, the curriculum maps will include increased exposure to choir curriculum in grade 4

The increased time in music class will allow for this exposure for all Grade 4 students.

We **meet** or **exceed** Spanish offerings in the following school districts:

Mendham

Mountain Lakes

North Caldwell

Glen Rock

Chester

Harding

Audubon

Cherry Hill

Woodcliff Lake

Little Silver

The Chathams

Rumson

Tewksbury

Upper Saddle

Haddon Heights

Collingswood

Pine Hill

Harrison

Ridgewood

Haddon Township

Montgomery

School Districts providing more Spanish

Essex Fells

Cranbury

Bernards

* It should be noted that none of the school districts we researched provided the recommended 3x per week.

Spanish

Initial proposed schedule was 1x per cycle for 45 minutes (Grades 1-5), 1x per cycle 30 minutes (Grade K)

After meeting with Spanish teachers and Dr. Wassell, Haddonfield resident and Chair of the Language, Literacy and Sociocultural Education Program at Rowan University:

Revised schedule 1x per cycle 45 minutes (Grades 1-3), 1x per cycle 45 minutes and 1x per cycle 30 minutes (Grades 4-5), 1x per cycle 30 minutes (Grade K)

Central Proposed Schedule

Haddon Proposed Schedule

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