



Second Semester (Spring 2021) High School Scheduling

School Leadership Division

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Dear PCSD High School Community,

Thank you everyone for all your patience and understanding as we opened schools and worked to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students during first semester. In planning for the second semester, we are opening a variety of schedule options for our staff and students to increase physical distancing, reduce class size, and assist transitions. These options may include:

- Adjusting student schedules to balance classrooms,
- Dividing classrooms into smaller groups utilizing additional teaching staff who may typically have other roles, or,
- Adding additional courses during the day to reduce class sizes.

In addition, a new option for our district will be adding two periods outside of the typical schedule to provide flexibility -- a “Zero” Period will be offered prior to our normal 1st Block, and a “Fifth” Period after our normal 4th Block. **Not all courses will be immediately available during these two new periods, and not all students will be eligible to take advantage of them at this time, but we wanted to share this information with our community because these additional periods are also under consideration for next school year and future school years.**

When taking a Zero or Fifth period, students still only take four courses, but they can alter their arrival and dismissal times. **Students who opt for one of these periods do have to provide their own transportation.** Work-Based Learning, Minimum Day, and Dual Enrollment are options that still work with these new schedules. See below potential options for a student’s schedule:

			Regular Student Schedule	Add a Zero Period	Add a Fifth Period
Regular Student Schedule	0	7:15	8:15	1	
Zero Period Student Schedule	1	8:35	10:08	2	
	2	10:13	11:43	3	1
	3	11:48	1:50	4	2
Fifth Period Student Schedule	4	1:55	3:25		3
	5	3:45	4:45		4

We wanted to share these changes with you, as we will begin implementing the above bulleted solutions and may survey students who are eligible for Zero and Fifth Periods in the coming days. Additional information regarding your school’s use of these scheduling options will come from your local school.