



Valley View Middle School

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Greetings, Valley View Students and Families,

I am pleased to announce that we are enhancing our school schedule and programming. The changes will be implemented beginning Monday, October 26th. Our daily schedule has been modified to provide longer instructional periods, structured afternoon for students, and more consistent opportunities for students to receive additional time with their teachers. Our goal is to help build student stamina, provide more independent practice and application of skills while maintaining our supplemental programs and services. Teachers will also begin to increase student workload and assign homework regularly. Though the full student day will run from 8:15 am - 2:55 pm, students will still be dismissed from physical school at 12:30 pm. Students will have a 45-minute lunch/travel break and then be expected to engage in the rest of the school day virtually.

Two key changes to our schedule take place during the afternoons. Students' 5th-period class moved to our virtual half of the day and structured office hours were added. Please note that students must attend their 5th-period class (study hall, SOAR, band lessons, chorus, or art enrichment). For study hall students, the teacher will expect each student to check in and inform the study hall teacher what his/her plan is for the period. Office hours will be held from Monday - Thursday by all teachers enabling students to get extra help or clarification when needed.

Additionally, we will no longer be holding Wednesdays as an all-remote day for students. Instead, we will provide in-person instruction for our hybrid students on a rotating schedule. On Wednesday, October 28th, cohort B students should attend school. Please check the district calendar on our website to assist you in planning your Wednesdays.

Below are the new daily schedules. Please note the shaded area indicates the portion of the student day that is virtual for all students.

Valley View New Hybrid Schedule

	Monday (Cohort A in-person)	Tuesday (Cohort A in-person)	Thursday (Cohort B in-person)	Friday (Cohort B in person)
8:15 - 9:18	HR & Period 1	HR & Period 6	HR & Period 1	HR & Period 6
9:21 - 10:22	Period 2	Period 7	Period 2	Period 7
10:25 - 11:26	Period 3	Period 8	Period 3	Period 8
11:29 - 12:30	Period 4	Period 9	Period 4	Period 9
12:35 - 1:20	Bus Travel/ Lunch	Bus Travel/ Lunch	Bus Travel/ Lunch	Bus Travel/ Lunch
1:23 - 1:53	Period 5 (Band, Chorus, Art Enrichment, SOAR, Scheduled Student Mtgs)	Period 5 (Band, Chorus, Art Enrichment, SOAR, Scheduled Student Mtgs)	Period 5 (Band, Chorus, Art Enrichment, SOAR, Scheduled Student Mtgs)	Period 5 (Band, Chorus, Art Enrichment, SOAR, Scheduled Student Mtgs)
1:55 - 2:55	Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours	All students working independently on assignments. Teachers engaged in Professional Learning Communities

Wednesday (Weekly Rotation of Cohort A & Cohort B)	
8:15 - 8:46	HR & Period 1
8:48 - 9:18	Period 2
9:20 - 9:50	Period 3
9:52 - 10:22	Period 4
10:24 - 10:54	Period 6
10:56 - 11:26	Period 7
11:28 - 11:58	Period 8
12:00 - 12:30	Period 9
12:35 - 1:20	Bus Travel/ Lunch
1:23 - 1:53	Period 5 (Band, Chorus, Art Enrichment, SOAR, Scheduled Student Mtgs)
1:55 - 2:55	Office Hours

Also note, fifth-grade students will have a slightly modified schedule based on differences in their programming requirements. The fifth-grade teachers will provide further clarification to their students and families.

We are looking forward to implementing the enhancements to our program. Thank you in advance for assisting us during the transition.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the main office or your child's teacher with any questions.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karin Kidd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

Karin Kidd