



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Drop and Rotate Schedule with Community Lunch?

- *Students are enrolled in eight classes per year. Six classes meet every day.*
- *One class is “dropped” in the morning rotation, and another class is “dropped” in the afternoon rotation.*
- *Each class meets four days out of five in a normal school week.*
- *All students eat lunch at the same time (community lunch).*

How long has Manasquan High School been considering the move to a new schedule?

Our administrators and staff have been researching schedules since the fall of 2016. A committee of teachers and administrators was formed in 2016 to look at schedule options. An outside consultant also met with these groups to discuss the various schedules.

What do these differences mean for our students?

- *A year-long program allows for more in-depth study of content, continuity of instruction, and time to master material before new information is introduced.*
- *Sequencing of courses improves as there are no longer semester lapses in instruction.*
- *Students will be better prepared for high stake tests as they have studied more of the required content. This schedule allows for a single administration of the test.*
- *Although students are taking more classes at once, the content is spread out over a longer period of time.*
- *According to the research, 60 minutes is an optimal learning timeframe.*
- *Classes rotate, meeting at different times each day.*
- *The entire school breaks for “community lunch.” This creates a positive school culture as students relax with classmates, meet with teachers, attend instructional labs, and go to club meetings.*

How will the new schedule affect the variety of courses that are offered to students?

Students will continue to have access to the same variety of courses. Student interest and enrollment may impact course availability as it does currently.

How will students be supported during the transition?

All staff members will provide support during the transition in order to ensure that students are successfully adapting to the schedule change. Counselors have been meeting with students to review course selection and planning.

With a change in schedule, will midterms be reinstated?

During regularly scheduled class times, teachers will administer benchmark assessments to monitor student progress. Student assessment scores will be incorporated into marking period grades

How will the sequence of math courses be affected with this new schedule?

In transition to the new schedule, a course sequence has been developed to ensure that all students have the opportunity to take their desired math courses.

How will the Community Lunch affect students?

All students will have a common lunch period from 10:38-11:30. In order to accommodate all students eating at the same time, additional seating will be established and satellite serving stations will be in place. Seniors will have the opportunity to leave the campus during the lunch period.

Will student have the ability to take an additional course?

There are various options that students will have to pursue an additional course. These options will be discussed on individual basis with the school counselors.