

Dual Language Meeting - May 6, 2020

Typical middle school day for a student NOT in the dual language program:

- 4 core classes: ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
- 2 electives every day: Fine Arts, Performing Arts, STEM, Physical Education, Yoga, Culinary Arts, AVID, Agriculture
- Lunch
- Extra Curricular Opportunities - clubs, athletics, NJHS, After Hours, tutoring twice a week with DV before school

Dual Language Program Schedule

Two different groups, essentially would flip during the day.

Starting the day with Spanish (Group 1)

- Periods 1 & 2 (90 minutes): Spanish Language Arts (SLA), World History in Spanish, 30 minute ELA class with Mrs. Smith)
- Period 3: CORE (Math, or Science)/Elective/Lunch(could be one of these options)
- Period 4: CORE (Math, or Science)/Elective/Lunch(could be one of these options)
- Period 5: CORE (Math, or Science)/Elective/Lunch(could be one of these options)
- Period 6 CORE (Math, or Science)/Elective
- Period 7: CORE (Math, or Science)/Elective

Ending the day with Spanish (Group 2)

- Period 1: Core (Math or Science)/Elective
- Period 2: Core (Math or Science)/Elective
- Period 3: CORE (Math, or Science)/Elective/Lunch(could be one of these options)
- Period 4: CORE (Math, or Science)/Elective/Lunch(could be one of these options)
- Period 5: CORE (Math, or Science)/Elective/Lunch(could be one of these options)
- Periods 6 & 7 (90 minutes): 30 minutes of ELA from Mrs. Smith, Spanish Language Arts (SLA), and World History in Spanish

FAQ:

- *Q: If my child has a 504 in place now, what will happen at the beginning of the school year?*
- A: If you have specific questions regarding your child's 504 plan, please reach out to Stephani Wickwire, who is our 504 coordinator. She will be able to work with you directly in regards to your child's 504. Her email is: swickwire@kyrene.org
- *Q: After their time in Middle School with the Spanish program, how does that translate to high school AP type of courses?*
- A: Tempe Union does not have a dual language program. Through their Apple Assessment scores in order to get into the level of Spanish 5/6 . Once maintaining their score from their Apple test students have the opportunity to take honors Spanish courses. Honor Spanish classes move at a faster pace and no chance for college credits. However, there opportunities to take Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish classes

while still attending high school, most often begin AP courses sophomore/junior year. These classes are considered college level courses, this is where students would be able to obtain college credits once they have passed the class.

- *Q: Would parents have to speak Spanish in order to be on the Dual Language (DL) Parent Council?*
- A: Absolutely not - we want your voice to be heard to help.
- *Q: What are the expectations for homework? How many hours per day are the children expected to do homework?*
- A: Homework and the amount of work would depend on the class, especially the level of math they are in, but all math classes have homework every day. ELA could differ each day about 20-30 minutes per day. Sci/SS, typically don't assign homework, if they do it is work not completed in class, or a project of some sort.
- *Q: Assuming some of the homework would need to be turned in online, which is the better system to get, Windows or Chromebook?*
- A: It does not matter which device you would get - students would be able to access everything they would need on either system. However, Akimel A-al will be getting Chromebooks next year in all CORE classes, not to take home, but to utilize at school.
- *Q: Is there a potential change to school hours next year - could it change due to COVID-19?*
- A: In regards to the COVID-19 situation, it is an ongoing discussion being had with our State Superintendent and with Dr. Vesley; as of this time, May 6th nothing has changed.
- *Q: What are Akimel A-al's school hours?*
- A: School begins at 8:10 and releases at 3:10 pm for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays. Early release start time is 8:10 and releases at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays.
- *Q: Are parents able to go on the 8th grade end of the year trip to a Spanish speaking country?*
- A: Parents can go, but they would not be considered chaperones. Parents would be expected to pay for both their child and their own way. This is not a school sponsored trip, you could not utilize tax credit. In the past three years, we have used an outside program, EF Tours. If all things pan out and depending on the COVID-19 situation will determine if you are able to take this trip.