

Middle School Even-Odd Period Day Rotating Schedule **West Chester Area School District – April 8, 2020**

Our middle school students have eight periods of 45 minutes each. During the shutdown, we moved to a rotating schedule in which the even-numbered period classes will be taught on one day, and the odd-numbered period classes will be taught on another day. The goal of this schedule is to alleviate stress by lightening the workload and providing more flexibility. It is simply not possible for teachers to instruct all of the planned curriculum through this emergency learning model. Teachers will be delivering a reduced level of instruction that maintains connections and keeps students engaged with learning.

1. Do the even-odd days refer to the numerical calendar date or the class periods?

The “even-odd” schedule refers to the class periods of a school day. On “even-days”, students should focus on instruction for periods 2, 4, 6, and 8. On “odd-days”, students will focus on instruction for periods 1, 3, 5, and 7. Please check your school’s website if you aren’t sure whether it is an ‘even’ or an ‘odd’ day. You may also check your child’s schedule on the Parent Portal to be sure which classes are scheduled for which periods.

2. How long will teacher instruction last for each class period?

Live or recorded instruction during a period will not exceed 30 minutes. Each student should have three or four classes each day depending on the lunch period. Teachers will provide a mixture of instruction and assignments for each class.

3. When will students receive assignments from teachers?

Teachers will post new assignments, including assessments, on the **scheduled** day for each class, or at **the start of a new four-day instructional cycle**. Up until the Memorial Day holiday, Monday – Thursday will be instructional days and Friday will be the planning day.

Teachers will be clear and flexible with due dates for assignments and assessments. Assignments will be due on either the scheduled instructional day or at the end of each four-day instructional cycle. This flexibility is necessary for students who may need additional time.

4. How will students manage assignments and learning activities for Unified Arts classes scheduled for the same periods?

Unified Arts classes will post learning activities and assignments **at the start of each four-day instructional cycle** for completion no sooner than the start of the next instructional cycle. For example, a student may receive a Tech Ed assignment on a Monday for completion by Thursday. Teachers will provide feedback as soon as possible if assignments are submitted prior to a due date.

We will **not** be switching Unified Arts classes for the fourth marking period. Your child will continue with the current United Arts class.

5. Will teachers assign tests, quizzes, or homework on the “planning days?”

No. On the teacher planning days, students should use this time to complete work previously assigned in preparation for next instructional cycle.