



*Rotate and Drop*

# **Presentation to the Board of Education Rotate and Drop**

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## What is the Rationale for a change?

- **Wellness**
  - *How do we take a high-performing high school and make it even more successful?*



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## Why RDS?

- **Creating Focus - Reducing Stress**
  - Fewer Classes each day
  - Different experiences across the rotation
  - Longer Instructional Periods
- **Creating Opportunity**
  - Remove the scheduling conflicts
  - Unit Lunch/Opportunity Period
  - Staff Development
  - Building-wide/Grade-Level Activities



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## How are we preparing?

- Leadership Team
  - Representation of each department and operational group
  - Weekly Meetings
  - Focus Groups
    - Instruction
    - Operations
    - Opportunity
    - Wellness



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## How does RDS work?

<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>Unit Lunch/ Opportunity Period</b>	<b>Afternoon Session</b>
<b>Three Academic Blocks</b>		<b>Three Academic Blocks</b>



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## How does RDS work?

<u>Courses Selected</u>
English
Health and Physical Education
Math
Science
Social Studies
World Languages
Elective/Study Hall
Elective



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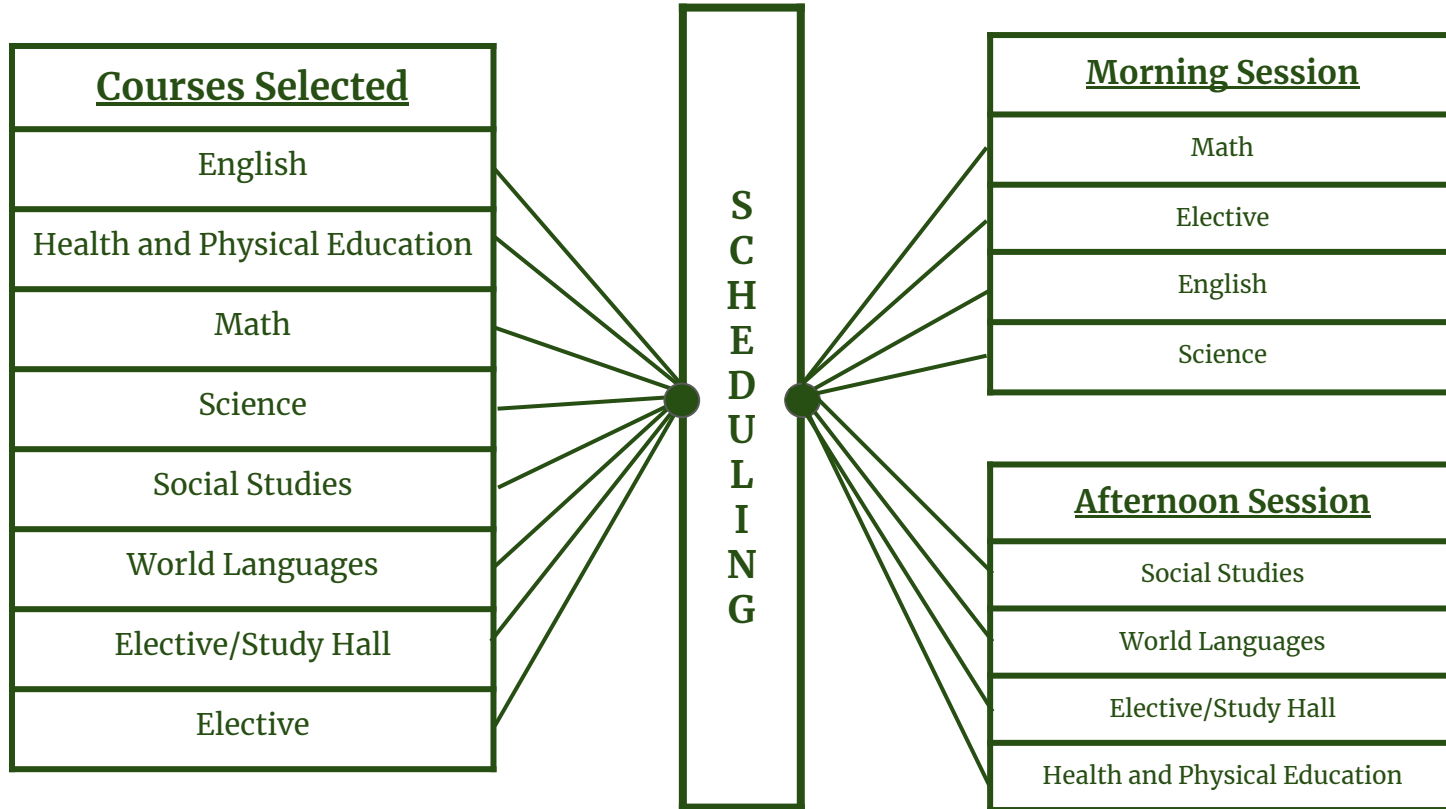
<u>Morning Session</u>

<u>Afternoon Session</u>



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<u>Morning Session</u>
Math
Elective
English
Science

	Day A	Day B	Day C	Day D
Dropped	Science	English	Elective	Math
Time Block 1	Math	Science	English	Elective
Time Block 2	Elective	Math	Science	English
Time Block 3	English	Elective	Math	Science



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## How does RDS work?

<u>Afternoon Session</u>
Social Studies
World Languages
Elective/Study Hall
Health and Physical Education

	Day A	Day B	Day C	Day D
Time Block 4	Social Studies	Health and Physical Education	Elective/Study Hall	World Languages
Time Block 5	World Languages	Social Studies	Health and Physical Education	Elective/Study Hall
Time Block 6	Elective/Study Hall	World Languages	Social Studies	Health and Physical Education
Dropped	Health and Physical Education	Elective/Study Hall	World Languages	Social Studies



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### What is a Unit Lunch and how does it help?

- Single period of time that breaks up the morning and afternoon sessions
- Provides a chance for the entire school to share in activities/break
- Allows for Extended Classes



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## How does the Unit Lunch work?

First Half
Second Half



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## How does the Unit Lunch work?

<u>Morning Session</u>
Math
Elective
English
Science

	Day A	Day B	Day C	Day D	
Dropped	Science	English	Elective	Math	
Time Block 1	Math	Science	English	Elective	
Time Block 2	Elective	Math	Science	English	
Time Block 3	English	Elective	Math	Science	
Unit Lunch	First Half	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Science
	Second Half	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch



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## How does the Unit Lunch work?

<u>Morning Session</u>
Math
Elective
English
Science

<u>Afternoon Session</u>
Social Studies
World Languages (WL)
Elective/Study Hall
Health and Physical Education (HPE)

	Day A	Day B	Day C	Day D
Dropped	Science	English	Elective	Math
Time Block 1	Math	Science	English	Elective
Time Block 2	Elective	Math	Science	English
Time Block 3	English	Elective	Math	Science
<b>Unit Lunch</b>	First Unit	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	Second Unit	Social Studies	Lunch	Lunch
	Time Block 4	Social Studies	HPE	Elective/Study Hall
	Time Block 5	WL	Social Studies	HPE
	Time Block 6	Elective/Study Hall	WL	Social Studies
	Dropped	HPE	Elective/Study Hall	WL
				Science
				Lunch
				WL
				Elective/Study Hall
				HPE
				Social Studies



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# How do we get there? Instruction

## Scheduling

- Currently running a simulation exercise with a mock RDS schedule
- Collaborative effort between administrators/supervisors for each department
- This mock exercise includes analyses with filling student schedules, teaching schedules, and room utilization

## Curriculum and Assessment

- Assess and update curriculum documents
- Review Pacing Guides and Assessment Calendars



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# How do we get there? Operations

## Scheduling

- Snow day operations
  - Drop the day vs. bump the day
- Abbreviated days
- First day of Semester 1 and Semester 2
- Assembly days
- Special schedules





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# How do we get there? Operations

## Miscellaneous

- Professional development needs of staff
- Rewording of RHS student handbook to fit RDS scheduling
- Impact on duties for staff
  - Lunch vs other duties
- Impact on late arrival/early dismissal for seniors
- Senior internship
- New ideas “outside the box” that other schools have adopted



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### How do we get there? Opportunity

- 4 levels of food service
  - *Hot and cold*
  - *Premade and pick up*
  - *Order ahead app*
  - *Vending machines*
- 2 sessions A and B (approximately 30 minutes each=60 min.)
- RDS Lunch Subcommittee to plan for the exciting times ahead
- Eliminates friend groups being split into 5 different lunch periods
- Provides options students did not previously have
- Student feedback and input



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# How do we get there? Opportunity

### What Work is Our Committee Doing?

- Areas of congregation for students
- Roll out for students and staff
- Needs (furniture, trash/recycling receptacles, etc.)
- Supervision during lunch periods
- Options for the other session of lunch
  - Recreation, clubs, extra help, music lessons, etc.
- Working with Aramark/Central Office to determine areas of food distribution



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## How do we get there? Wellness

How do we approach the day differently to best support our students, their families, and our staff?

- Character and Wellness
- Environment
- Communication
- Time



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## Why do this now?

- We are closer than ever to RDS
- Come September, more than half of our students do not know our old schedule
- Wellness
- The Pandemic and the Unknown



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## How do we get there?

- Preparation
  - Leadership Team; Faculty and Staff; Students and Families
  - Facilities and Resources
- Training
  - Professional Development
- Communication
  - Monthly presentation
  - Question and Answer
  - Single Website
- Orientation
  - Updated plans for August and September for all Students
- Continual Updates and Reminders
  - Ongoing check-ins



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