

**Jefferson City Public Schools**  
**10 Block Schedule**  
**Questions and Answers**

As with any schedule, modifications will be made as needed. We will keep staff, students and parents apprised of any changes.

Students from grades 9-11 were represented in seeking questions for this document.

Q. Why is the high school the changing the format of the schedule?

A. There are several reasons for the change. The following reasons were noted in a letter to staff and parents in November:

- The schedule should allow flexibility that better aligns with student needs and interests.
- With a 10 Block schedule, students and staff will be better able to build relationships as the classes are a full year in length.
- The current 90-minute class length is not ideal. The 10 Block option moves to a 74-minute class period.
- The current advisory period is not as effective as it should be. The new schedule will include a FAST period for grades 9-12. (See more on “FAST” below.)

Q. Can students take more than one Foreign Language class at a time?

A. This depends on the individuals student’s schedule as well as his/her skills and motivation.

Q. What will the schedule actually look like?

A. Please see the sample schedules at this link:

<http://www.jcschools.us/cms/lib03/MO01909951/Centricity/Domain/4/New-JCHS-Schedule.pdf>

Q. Will orchestra meet every day or every other day?

A. Fine and performing arts classes will meet every day. There may be some variations on this but the director will play a major role in the decision process.

Q. Can a student take a semester off of orchestra?

A. This is a decision made by the orchestra staff.

Q. What classes will switch at semester?

A. Courses that receive ½ credit will meet for a semester only.

Q. Will the ability to graduate early be affected?

A. The new board policy on early graduation requires that a student complete six (6) semesters of high school in order graduate early. Please refer to Board Policy IKF at this link:

<https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/ePolicy/policy.aspx?PC=IKF&Sch=117&S=117&RevNo=1.11&C=I&Z=Pv>

Q. Will the absentee procedure change?

A. Absentee procedures will continue to be determined by department.

Q. Will the missing work procedure change?

A. This will continue to be a building and department level decision.

Q. Will the new schedule affect the original graduation requirements?

A. ANSWER THIS, THEN REFER TO THE BOARD POLICY LINK:

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Q. What is FAST?

A. **FAST Class stands for “Focused Academic Success Time”**. This course will help assure that all students are successful with, and prepared for, the additional courses they will be taking under the new schedule. For many students, this will be an opportunity to get additional help needed from teachers; for others this will be a time for individual study.