

AFUHSD Moves to “Hybrid” Schedule for 2016-2017 School Year



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Dear Agua Fria Union High School District Parents and Community,

The Agua Fria Union High School District is excited to announce that we will move from the current “Block” schedule to a modified traditional, “Hybrid” schedule for the 2016-2017 school year. This represents the culmination of a two-year process of systematic and continuous planning and communication across all levels of our District.

What are the benefits of moving to the Hybrid schedule?

- **Represents the best of both worlds**, combining the best elements of the current block schedule with a traditional schedule format allowing for flexibility and innovation.
- **Aligns more closely with graduation and college entrance requirements** as established by the AZ Board of Regents (ABOR) and 75% of school districts in the state.
- **Increases instructional time in core areas of math, English and Science.**
- **Reflects a model utilized by some of the highest achieving districts in the state**
- **Eliminates gaps between coursework and testing windows** (AP, AzMERIT).
- **Broadens opportunities and flexibility** or advancement and intervention.

CREDIT FORMULAS

Block Schedule Credits

(current schedule)
4 classes per day
 (1 credit each)
 x 2 semesters
 = **8 credits per year**



Modified Traditional

Hybrid Schedule Credits

Beginning 2016-2017 school year

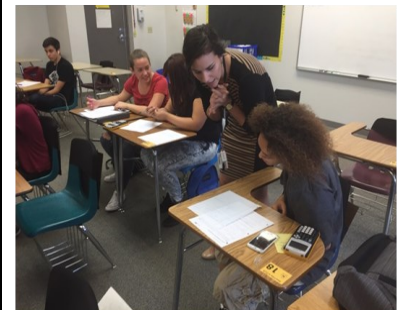
6 classes per day
 (1/2 credit each)
 x 2 semesters

What is a “hybrid” schedule?

The AFUHSD “Hybrid” schedule is a daily bell schedule that follows a traditional six-period format for three days per week and blocks out extended periods of time for the other two days of the week. In other words a “hybrid” schedule is a combination of a traditional and block periods of time:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday – All six periods are 60 minutes

Wednesday/Thursday Three periods meet each day for extended time– 100 minutes.



<u>Graduates</u>	<u>School Year</u>	<u>Possible Credits a student can earn</u>	<u>Credits Needed for Graduation</u>
<u>Cohort 2017</u>	First year on new schedule	30	27
<u>Cohort 2018</u>	Second year on new schedule	28	26
<u>Cohort 2019</u>	Third Year on new schedule	26	24
<u>Cohort 2020</u>	All four years on new schedule	24	22

We would like to thank all of our Agua Fria Union High School students and families as we continue to work together as a community to provide the highest quality educational environments and learning opportunities for our students each and every day. Please communicate any thoughts or questions to your school’s administrative team. Your input is essential in our transition to the new scheduling format for the 2016-2017 school year. Additional information will be provided through your student’s course selection process and through future newsletters.

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