

Desert Edge High School
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Dear Desert Edge Parents and Students,

Happy holidays! We have had a great first semester at Desert Edge and are so proud of all of our students' accomplishments. In the new year, we are refining some of our processes to enhance instructional time; provide additional opportunities for rigor, relevance and relationships; and ensure increased safety on the campus.

In an effort to better prepare our students each week, we will be moving Advisory to once a week on Mondays and extend the Advisory period. This is a good time for your students to prepare for the week and further develop their connections on campus. In addition, we will be adding an Enrichment Period to our Friday schedule. This period will allow students to choose a session of their interest. Teachers will be offering activities such as content enrichment, a quiet space for kids to read or study, a glimpse into electives that we offer, a club or sport meeting, or a physical space for kids to engage in sports or activities. This can change weekly. Students will be able to select the session they want to attend each Friday on Mondays in Advisory.

***Please note, this will not impact the scheduled arrival and departure times for West MEC students. Teachers have been instructed to continue to work with them under the usual departure and arrival times from the first semester. Due to the additional time for advisory and enrichment, both Monday and Friday will be an A/B lunch schedule. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be regular AOT and Power Hour.*

For the week of January 3 and January 10, we will not have AOT/ Power Hour or Enrichment. This will allow time for new instruction and grading to occur. Therefore, we will be on an A/B lunch schedule for those two weeks. Administrators will hold Class Meetings during Advisory on Monday and Friday of both weeks. During our meetings, we will review the new schedule, discipline processes, provide students with upcoming events that pertain to their grade level, and refresh them on the safety procedures on campus.

The following is our schedule for our class meetings.

Monday, January 3- Seniors
Friday, January 7- Freshman
Monday, January 10- Sophomores
Friday, January 14- Juniors

Student attendance in class is vital to academic success. We want our students to have the maximum amount of time in each class to learn. We are committed to getting students to class on time. If a student arrives late to school, they must check in at the attendance office. Once a student is on campus, we need them to arrive to classes on time. Attendance is taken at the start of class. If a student is late to class **in the first 20 minutes without a pass**, teachers mark them *Sweep* in Synergy. After three *Sweeps* to a class, a student will receive a detention. As a reminder, After School Detention occurs *M, T, TR 3:15PM- 4:00PM*. If a student arrives to a class **after 20 minutes without a pass**, the student will remain marked as absent for the period. Please help us by speaking with your student about getting to class on time.

DEHS is implementing a reassessment policy in all classes in accordance with the new district policy. Please click [HERE](#) for the District Reassessment Policy.

We are excited to continue to grow as a school community. We hope that you and your families have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season. We look forward to 2022 and all of the great opportunities it will bring for our students and their families.

All the Best!

Desert Edge Administration