



Block Schedule News for 2020-2021



By keeping it REAL we will respect ourselves, others, and our community and we will be responsible for learning.

Block Schedule Rational

On Monday, July 27 the Cannon Falls School Board approved the move to an A/B Day block schedule for the 2020-21 school year for Cannon Falls Middle/High School students. The main reason for this change is that it will limit the number of times students are in the hallways passing between classes during the school day thus meeting the requirements and recommendations from MDH and MDE for schools. Besides the benefit of additional social distancing, the A/B block schedule will be much easier to use whether all students are back in school, we are in a hybrid scenario, or if we need to go to distance learning.

What does this mean for students?

There won't be much change for students in grades 6-8 other than classes will be about twice as long and there will be only 4 periods per day instead of 7 or 8 periods. All middle school students will take Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, PE/Health, have a Target or Band/Choir period, and Quarter Classes. Because of distance learning we did not get the chance to have students who will be in 6th grade to register for Band and/or Choir for 2020-21. Please follow the form link below to choose a music option for this year. When the block schedule is finished there will be information sessions posted for additional questions.

[6th Grade Music Registration Form](#)

High school students will also have the same A/B 4 period per day schedule. High School students will have one additional class during the 2020-21 school year and will have the opportunity to earn 7 or 8 credits this year. When students registered for classes in February they chose their required classes, elective classes and chose alternate classes for scheduling flexibility. Mrs. Hoffman and I will be scheduling High School students into their alternate choices to fill their block schedule this year. For most students this will not require anything to make happen. Some High School students may be required to choose additional classes to fill out their schedules. Mrs. Hoffman or Mr. Hodges will contact students if this is the case. If you and your student contacted Mrs. Hoffman after registering for classes to make changes, please make sure you email her at hoffman.kirsten@cf.k12.mn.us to discuss these changes and how they will fit with the block schedule.

Another major benefit of the block schedule is that we will be able to offer some classes that were not originally going to be offered this year. We will now be offering AP Physics and AP Government. If your student is interested in these classes please contact Mrs Hoffman at hoffman.kirsten@cf.k12.mn.us.

There will be more communication coming soon regarding what this school year will look like. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at hodges.tim@cf.k12.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hodges