

Dear Arapahoe Students and Families:

We are nearing completion of our student schedules for first semester and plan to share them with you through Infinite Campus no later than the end of the day tomorrow, Friday, August 21. I wanted to take the opportunity to share some information with you about the creation of these schedules and the differences you will see from your prior years at AHS.

First, I want to thank you for your patience, understanding, grace, and flexibility during these very challenging times. As you know, Arapahoe High School has taken great pride in offering the experience of a variable schedule to our students since we were founded in 1964. Up until two weeks ago, we believed we would be able to again offer this unique schedule to our students, even in the hybrid model. Based upon current guidance from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, however, it became necessary in the interest of health and safety of our students and staff for us to move away from the variable schedule and adopt an 8 period block schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. This required a tremendous amount of work from our entire staff to create schedules that meet student needs for graduation while simultaneously offering elective courses that we know enrich the high school experience.

**Here are some things you can expect with your new schedule:**

- 9th and 10th graders will be required to be enrolled in a minimum six of eight periods; 11th and 12th graders will be enrolled in a minimum five of eight periods.
- Most classes will be one semester long and students will earn five credits per class per semester.
- Some classes will be one quarter long, and students will earn two credits per class per quarter.
- There are two quarters in each semester. Quarter grades for semester long classes will be in-progress grades.
- Students are required to have at least two classes per day.
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**For incoming 9th graders ONLY:**

- You will receive a printed copy of your schedule tomorrow, Friday, August 21, during your LINK Orientation.

**Schedule changes:**

- As always, schedule changes can only be made in cases of academic misplacement; for example, a student was placed in Calculus but should be in Geometry.
- Any student requesting a schedule change must make an appointment with their counselor.

Over the last few weeks, I have been reminded time and time again about the kindness and support from the Arapahoe community. I want to personally thank you for your leniency and compassion regarding the significant changes involved with our processes this school year.

Sincerely,  
Angela Boatright  
Assistant Principal

