

Kingman Academy High School

2017-2018 Seven Period Day Information

Main Reasons for Making a Change

- 1. To eliminate the Fall AzMERIT testing session which will, in turn, eliminate three to four weeks of classroom disruptions caused by the extra fall testing session.**
- 2. To provide students with nine additional hours of instruction per class each school year.**
- 3. To create “Tiger 4.0,” which will be a new 30 minute block of time to reinforce college and career readiness, to expand our post high school planning, and to increase teacher/student mentorship and interaction.**

Frequently Asked Questions

Why change when we are doing okay on the AzMERIT Exams?

The primary reason for this change is the significant loss of instructional time due to having to administer AzMERIT an extra time each year. With our current block schedule, we are required to give AzMERIT twice a year. If we change to a 7 period day, we will only have to give the AzMERIT once a year.

We have just completed our fall testing that began October 24th. This testing session, in addition to the testing session in the spring, results in a total of 6-8 weeks of instruction time that is disrupted. During these testing sessions, multiple students are removed from many of the classrooms to take a test. This leaves these students at a loss to what happened during that class period and the teacher without a full class, making it very difficult to move forward in the curriculum. Students are missing out!

While we have proven that our test scores are the highest in Kingman, we still have an opportunity to improve current and future student success. The additional class time created by the 7 period day will help that happen. In addition, students will not be responsible for learning and processing as much information in a given class period; it will be the same amount of information (that we used to condense in a single semester) spread out over the entire school year.

How will this affect supervised job assignment and release time?

Under a 7 period day schedule, students will be allowed two periods of release time and one period of supervised job assignment.

Will this change the math eligibility requirements for sports?

We recognize that the new class schedule will require a modification of existing percentage requirements for eligibility. There will be some adjustments made for math progress percentages required for next school year while maintaining our focus on students completing required math courses in a timely manner.

What will the new daily schedule be like for students?

With the current block schedule, students are used to sitting through each class for 1 hour and 45 minutes. We are certain that the new schedule will actually increase student engagement for the duration of each class. Topics/classes will be changing every 55 minutes. With the new 7 period schedule, students will be engaged, by design, as soon as they enter the class and will be actively learning until the end of class.

Current Bell Schedule

Period 1	8:00-9:45am
Period 2	9:50-11:40am
Lunch	11:40-12:15pm
Period 3	12:20-2:05pm
Period 4	2:10-4:00pm

Proposed 7 Period (2017-2018 Schedule)

Period 1	8:00-8:55am
Period 2	9:00-9:55am
Period 3	10:00-10:55am
Tiger 4.0	11:00-11:30am
Period 4	11:35-12:30pm
Lunch	12:30-1:05pm
Period 5	1:05-2:00pm
Period 6	2:05-3:00pm
Period 7	3:05-4:00pm

Will the amount of homework increase?

The amount of homework nightly will not change significantly. In the current schedule, teachers have to assign, assess, and fit an entire year's-worth of curriculum into one semester (18 Weeks). Under the new schedule the same curriculum that we currently cover in 18 weeks, will be stretched out over 36 weeks, or an entire school year. The same topics will be covered but will be spread out over a longer period. Teachers will take the existing coursework that they would have covered in a single-semester block schedule, and stretch those activities and assignments out evenly over the new year-long class schedule.

Will the graduation requirements change for students?

Yes. Each graduating class presently attending our high school will have modified graduation requirements. We are still well above the minimum credits required by the State of Arizona, and the student requirements outlined below will enable all students to attend some form of college after high school.

Proposed - Credits Required for Graduation

*tentative awaiting board approval.

Current 11th Grade Class - Class of 2018

Credit requirements remain the same

Current 10th Grade Class - Class of 2019

English - 4

Math - 4

Science - 3

Social Studies - 3 1/2 (1/2 Modern US in 2017/18)

Foreign Language - 1

Physical Education - 1 1/2

Health - 1/2

Financial Literacy - 1/2

Fine Arts - 1

CPTe - 1

Electives - 6

Total - 26

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Current 9th Grade - Class of 2020

English - 4

Math - 4

Science - 3

Social Studies - 3 1/2 (1/2 Geography in 2017/18 and US History in 2018/19)

Foreign Language - 1

Physical Education 1 1/2

Health - 1/2

Financial Literacy - 1/2

Fine Arts - 1

CPTE - 1

Electives - 6

Total - 26

Incoming 9th Grade - Class of 2021

English - 4

Math - 4

Science - 3

Social Studies - 3 1/2

Foreign Language - 1

Physical Education - 1

Health - 1/2

Financial Literacy - 1/2

Fine Arts - 1

CPTE - 1

Electives - 5 1/2

Total - 25

**Thank you for taking the time to read through this document.
We hope it was informative and helped answer some of your questions
regarding the 7 period day.**

**If you have additional questions, please feel free to call our
District Office at 928-681-2400 or the High School at 928-681-2900.**