



Waccamaw High School

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Waccamaw High School Family:

As we continue to work through an unprecedented time in history due to the COVID-19 pandemic, scheduling has become an important factor for future health and well-being for our students and faculty.

Beginning the 2020-21 school year, all Georgetown County High Schools will operate on a four-period block schedule. This change, which was officially approved on May 26, 2020 at a GCSD Board meeting, directly impacts Waccamaw High School. We were on a traditional schedule-seven classes year-round. On the new schedule, students will take four classes per semester, for a total of eight classes a year. This allows for 90 minute class periods. Students enrolled in seven courses year-long struggled to complete multiple courses online as opposed to four courses. On a block schedule, students will be able to recover courses that they fail from one semester to the next; allows time for application and extension in the classroom in contrast to the hours of homework to extend learning; and allots time for afterschool activities.

A four-period block schedule offers several other advantages which include increased instructional time, additional opportunities for academic success, consistency across the district, and higher participation in extra-curricular activities.

A block schedule allows for better mental health, time for labs and project-based learning, fewer transitions throughout the school day, and consistency. There are some constraints of the block schedule for AP courses and continual math instruction, however, the new restrictions of COVID-19 outweigh these negatives.

At this time, we do not have any new information about the opening of school for the 2020-2021 school year. As soon as we have this information we will be communicating it with all stakeholders as well.

If you have any questions concerning the schedule change please contact your student's guidance counselor at Waccamaw High School.

Thank You

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