



PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Perth Amboy High School Families,

As you are aware from recent district communication from Dr. David Roman, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, we are pleased to announce that on Friday, February 5th, 2021, the first day of the third marking period, the new High School Abbreviated Day schedule will become effective. This was a monumental task that required careful planning and preparation in a concerted effort to maintain the integrity of instruction, the developmental and social/emotional needs of High School students, parent and student requests, and contractual obligations.

This new schedule allows for a robust opportunity for students to participate in small group instruction and student support sessions, without shortening instructional periods from the traditional time periods. The schedule provides additional opportunities for students to interact with counselors and connect with their teachers on a targeted basis, while allowing students to work independently on assignments, decreasing screen time.

We want to take the opportunity to share some of the most important points regarding the new schedule:

- The Abbreviated day schedule works on a rotating 9 Day cycle, to ensure that all class periods meet equally over the course of the 9 days. The first day, “A” will be on Friday, February 5th, the second day, “B” will be on Monday, February 8th, etc. A daily schedule denoting the rotational day will be published on our student announcements as well as on our website.
- Targeted, small group or individualized specific instruction will be embedded in the daily schedule for specific “extended” class periods. During these identified “extended” class periods, staff members will work with pre-determined students (or groups of students) to provide instructional or other types of support. While the focus will be on at-risk students, other students may be identified based on class (for example, AP students needing assistance, students struggling with a specific science lab, etc). Additionally, these extended class periods may be used for individual or group college planning, CST/Counseling and or Administration at risk student intervention meetings. Also, students will be able to contact individual teachers for targeted support during the extension period as needed.
- Please note that this schedule is subject to change, and is only in effect while the district is in remote instruction.

Vice Principals

**Ms. Dana E. Rivas - Mr. Fred Geardino - Mr. Luis Ortega
Mr. Giovanni Reynoso - Ms. Karla Garcia - Mr. Francis X. Romano – Mr. Nicholas Cammarano**

Please find below the tentative **Abbreviated Day Schedule** followed by a Q&A section regarding the schedule.

Remote Schedule	A Day		Remote Schedule	B Day	
Homeroom Attendance	8:00 AM	- 8:05 AM	Homeroom Attendance	8:00 AM	- 8:05 AM
Period 1	8:05 AM	- 8:47 AM	Period 1	8:05 AM	- 8:47 AM
Period 2	8:49 AM	- 9:31 AM	Period 2	8:49 AM	- 9:31 AM
Period 3	9:33 AM	- 10:15 AM	Period 3	9:33 AM	- 10:15 AM
Period 4	10:17 AM	- 10:59 AM	Period 7	10:17 AM	- 10:59 AM
Lunch	11:01 AM	- 11:46 AM	Lunch	11:01 AM	- 11:46 AM
Period 5	11:48 AM	- 12:30 PM	Period 8	11:48 AM	- 12:30 PM
Period 6	12:32 PM	- 1:14 PM	Period 9	12:32 PM	- 1:14 PM
Planning Time	1:16 PM	- 2:01 PM	Planning Time	1:16 PM	- 2:01 PM
Extended Period 7	2:02 PM	- 2:31 PM	Extended Period 4	2:02 PM	- 2:31 PM
Extended Period 8	2:32 PM	- 3:01 PM	Extended Period 5	2:32 PM	- 3:01 PM
Omit Periods 7,8,9			Omit Periods 4,5,6		

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Homeroom Attendance	8:00 AM	- 8:05 AM	Homeroom Attendance	8:00 AM	- 8:05 AM
Period 4	8:05 AM	- 8:47 AM	Period 1	8:05 AM	- 8:47 AM
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Period 6	9:33 AM	- 10:15 AM	Period 3	9:33 AM	- 10:15 AM
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Q&A:

What time does the school day begin?

There has been no change to the start of the school day. Students are expected to sign-on by 8:00 a.m. each day.

What time is my child dismissed each day?

Students will end their last period at 1:14 p.m., Monday - Friday. However, students may be contacted by specific teachers to work in the "Extended Period" time.

When will my child eat lunch?

All students will have a common lunch period, every day, from 11:01-11:46. During their regularly scheduled lunch period, students are expected to work on assignments for their classes or attend the Panther Pause.

What is Panther Pause?

The Panther Pause are daily interactive sessions provided by our staff to assist our students with their social, emotional and academic needs. The weekly schedule can be found on our website.

What about the Panther Enrichment Center and After School Extracurricular Activities?

Times for all programs, clubs, and eventually Sports, will remain the same - beginning at 3:07.

If you have any questions, please contact your building Principal so that we can best assist you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Heidelberg

Mr. Guarino

Principal