

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #46 (2005-2006)

October 24, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: EAST HIGH SCHOOL - PERSONALIZING EDUCATION

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by...challenging each student academically.

PERTINENT FACTS:

East High School is serious and determined about personalizing the educational experience for all students and helping every student achieve academic success. In an effort to further the mission of personalizing education for every single student, the staff and administration intend to establish an advisory period to begin second quarter of the 2005-2006 school year. Students will be assigned to advisory periods by grade level and academic house. These classes are set up as pass/fail and will meet approximately once a week. Students will receive .25 credits per semester.

The established goals of the advisory periods are to:

- Provide a significant adult advocate for every student
- Involve upperclassmen as co-advisors for underclassmen
- Establish career goals and plans
- Involve parents in academic planning (spring conferences)
- Monitor and increase academic achievement of all students
- Maintain and foster the positive environment and school culture at EHS

East High administration and staff believe ensuring every student has at least one teacher who knows and cares about him or her on a long term basis will reduce the number of students failing classes and dropping out of school. Additionally, average daily attendance, student involvement in extra-curricular activities, parent involvement, enrollment in high level courses, and the percentage of students who find academic success and earn a high school diploma will increase.

Another change for EHS has to do with the use of time. With the input of faculty, students, and parents, a schedule has been developed to begin second quarter of the 2005-2006 school year.

Mon & Fri

Tues/Wed/Thurs

Advisory

Period	Times	Min	Block	Times	Min	Block	Times	Min
1	7:30-8:23	53	First	7:30-8:54	84	First	7:30-8:42	72
2	8:29-9:24	55	Second	9:02-10:24	82	Advisory	8:50-9:20	30
3	9:30-10:23	53	Lunch	10:24-11:08	44	Second	9:28-10:38	70
Lunch	10:23-11:09	46	Third	11:08-12:30	82	Lunch	10:38-11:32	54
4	11:09-12:02	53	Fourth	12:38-2:00	82	Third	11:32-12:42	70
5	12:08-1:01	53				Fourth	12:50-2:00	70
6	1:07-2:00	53						

- Monday and Friday all six classes meet.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday blocks rotate on a set three-day schedule.
- Each class meets twice in the three-day block rotation.

Block Day Rotation

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
1	2	1
2	3	3
4	5	4
5	6	6

On advisory days, a 30 minute period for the advisory class would be placed between the first and second class of the day. Even with an advisory class once a week this schedule provides the same amount of instructional time each week for all other academic classes as EHS has had previously.

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