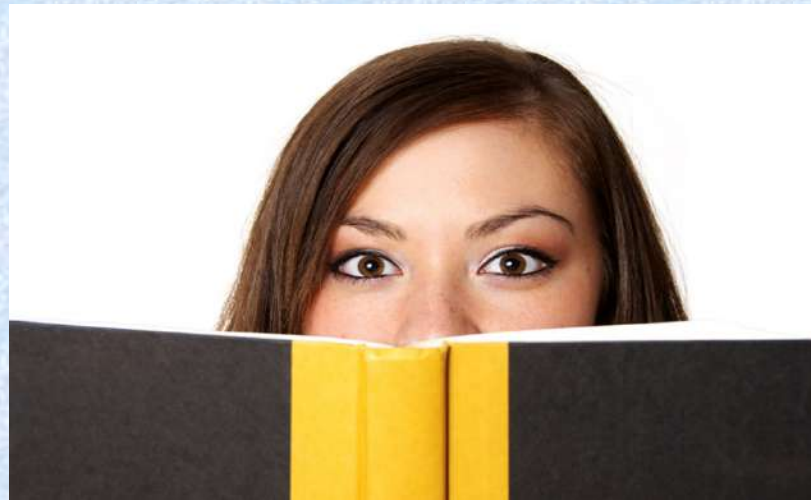


# Introduction to Trimesters

How will it affect me?



# What are the Advantages of Trimester?

- Faster Remediation, reducing failure.
- Acceleration possible within subject areas.
- More choices of electives and increased time to take more electives.
- Smaller classes
- Teachers can pace subject material better.



# What is a 3 X 5 Trimester?

- Three 12-week trimester terms per year
- Five periods per day approximately 70 minutes each
- 1/2 credit courses meet for one 12-week trimester
- 1 credit courses meet for two 12-week trimesters



# What Would Trimester Look Like for me?

Let's start with required classes.

| <i>Trimester 1</i><br><i>Aug-Nov.</i> | <i>Trimester 2</i><br><i>Nov.-Feb.</i> | <i>Trimester 3</i><br><i>Feb-May</i> |
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| English III A                         | English IIIB                           | English IIIC                         |
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|                                       | <b>Government A</b>                    | <b>Government B</b>                  |
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|                                       | Government A                           | Government B                         |
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| <b>Visual &amp;<br/>Performing Arts A</b> | Government A                           | Government B                              |
| Chemistry A                               | Chemistry B                            | <b>Visual &amp;<br/>Performing Arts B</b> |
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| Visual &<br>Performing Arts A         | Government A                           | Government B                         |
| Chemistry A                           | Chemistry B                            | Visual &<br>Performing Arts B        |
| <b>Algebra II A</b>                   | <b>Algebra IIB</b>                     |                                      |
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| Visual &<br>Performing Arts A          | Government A                             | Government B                         |
| Chemistry A                            | Chemistry B                              | Visual &<br>Performing Arts B        |
| Algebra II A                           | Algebra II B                             | Fitness/ Conditioning<br>1/2 credit  |
| <b>Drivers ED</b><br><b>1/2 credit</b> | <b>Reel History</b><br><b>1/2 credit</b> | Equine Science<br>1/2 credit         |



# Time Comparisons

|                                    | 4X4<br>Block             | Trimesters                                 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Number of classes per day</b>   | 4                        | 5  |
| <b>Number of weeks in a class</b>  | 18                       | <b>12-1/2 credit</b><br><b>24-1 credit</b> |
| <b>Calendar change of schedule</b> | 1- Aug-Dec.<br>2-Jan-May | 1-Aug-Nov<br>2-Nov-Feb<br>3-Feb-May        |



# Comparisons

|                                   | Block    | Trimesters  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---|
| Credits per year                  | 8        | 7 ½   |
| Credits possible in 4 years       | 31       | 30  |
| Credit Requirement for Graduation | 28       | <b>2010- 27 1/2</b><br><b>2011- 27</b><br><b>2012- 27</b> |
| Length of classes                 | 90 Mins. | 70 Mins.  |
| Credit for Electives              | 1 only   | ½ and 1   |



# New Terms you Might Hear....

- **Trimester**- a 12 week schedule where one would take 5 classes worth  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit each.
- **A & B** - A is the first part of a 1 credit class, B is the second part.
- **A &/or B**- You may choose to take A or B as a  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit elective or both as a 1 credit
- **C** – Most AP, and some other core classes require a third trimester. This will be called “C” part of a class.
- **Singleton Class/Passion Class**- A  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit elective that does not have a B part.
- **Trimester 1,2 and 3** – Trimester labels



# **What Questions do you Have About Trimester?????**

- **I'm going to answer ten common questions about Trimesters.**
- **Remember to continue to jot down questions you have.**
- **We'll collect these at the end of the presentation.**



# Common Questions about Trimesters

**Q1** –Can I graduate early?

**A1-** No, you will have to be enrolled 12 trimesters to graduate.

**Q2-** Will I be able to co-op?

**A2-** Yes, It should be easier to get in requirements and fit it into your schedule with more flexibility.



# Common Questions about Trimesters

- **Q3-** Will we have a final at the end of each trimester?
- **A3-** Yes, but the good news is that it will cover half as much.
- **Q4-** If I fail the first part of a class, do I have to retake it before taking the second half?
- **A4-** Sometimes, depending on the class requirements.



# Common Questions about Trimesters

- **Q5-** How will my grade be determined?
- **A5-** You will get an individual grade for each trimester. You must complete Part A and B to receive a complete core class credit.





# Common Questions about Trimesters

- **Q6-** Will some classes be separated by a trimester?
- **A6-** That's possible if you are wanting a class that is only offered second trimester, but the majority will be first/second or second/third trimester.
- **Q7-** Will I have the same teacher for both A and B of a class?
- **A7-** Most of the time, but there may be exceptions.



# Common Questions about Trimesters

- **Q8-** How long will A.P. classes last?
- **A8-** Most AP classes will last all year. They will be A/B/C classes and you will have the same teacher.
- **Q9-** How many credits will I get for AP?
- **A9-** You will get 1 ½ credits for the three trimesters.



# Common Questions about Trimesters

- **Q10-** How will Fall Break, Spring Break, and Christmas Break be affected?
- **A10-** The overall school calendar will remain the same, which will give us a major break in each trimester. Christmas break will fall half way during second trimester.



# How will I register for classes?

1. You will complete a tentative schedule today.
2. We have already entered your core classes based on your needs so that you can concentrate on choosing your electives and alternate choices.
3. You will register On-line in our computer labs one day between April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>. (We will let you know when and where.)
4. You will pick up your schedule at the end of the summer as usual.



# What questions do you **STILL** have????

- **Teachers- Collect questions that have not been answered already and send them to the office.**
- **We'll answer new questions over the intercom later.**



**Thanks and  
Stay Tuned for a  
Commercial  
Message!!**

