

Dear New Trier Families,

Starting the week of January 24, New Trier will provide Winnetka Campus students with approximately two 40-minute half blocks of Student Support Time per week during the school day. Students can use this time to meet with teachers, make up tests, work on group projects or homework, go to the Academic Assistance Center, make appointments with Post-High School Counseling or Social Work, and access other support they may need.

This past semester we asked students and staff to provide feedback on the transition to in-person learning and the new block schedule. Both groups said more time was needed in the school day for student meetings and other support. Northfield Campus students have not voiced the same concerns, so freshman students will continue with their same schedule.

Subject areas will rotate providing Student Support Time during the second half of the block on specific blue/green days. Each individual class will offer this time about once a month during the second semester, limiting any loss of direct instructional time in a class. Teachers have told us this is manageable and will benefit students' overall learning and growth.

For example, during a blue/green pair when English classes are designated to provide Student Support Time, teachers will hold their regular class during the first half of the period. During the second half of the period, students can stay in class to seek help from their English teacher, make appointments with other teachers, or access other support. The plan rotates, so a student might have a half-block available during Kinetic Wellness and math one week, and during their elective class and English the next week.

Students watched a presentation on Student Support Time this week in their adviser rooms that explains how they can best keep track of and use this time. You can watch that presentation [HERE](#).

In addition, thanks to Business Education teacher Eric Duffett, students and parents can keep track of the daily schedule including Student Support Time by using the NT Block app, available in the App Store so all students can put it on their iPads. A version for Android is coming soon. Search "New Trier Block" in the App Store on your iPhone or iPad.

We are excited to offer this additional time for students to self-advocate and receive individualized teacher feedback and support during the second semester.

Sincerely,

Denise Dubravec

Principal, Winnetka Campus