



Superintendent's Updates

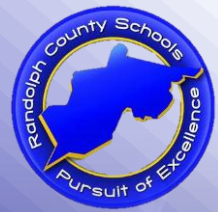
Randolph County Schools' purpose is to prepare today's learners for tomorrow's demands.

January 21, 2025



Block Scheduling and Team/Collaborative Planning

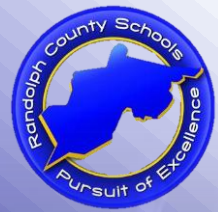
	No of Teachers	Number of Sections with Block & T/C	Numbers of Sections 8 period day
School A	49	294	343
Teachers can teach 6 sections per year in Block Scheduling	Teachers can teach 7 sections per year in 8 period Scheduling	Example: If 294 sections are needed to cover current course load.	The savings would be $294/7 = 42$ teachers – a reduction of 7 positions.



Pros and Cons of Block

Student Perspective (High School)

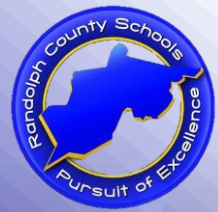
4-Period Block Scheduling	Pros	Cons
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More in-depth focus on fewer subjects each day.• Fewer transitions and less daily homework.• Longer class periods allow for deeper discussions and project work.• More time to recover between classes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classes may feel too long and exhausting.• Missing one day of school means missing more content.• Retaining information over a semester break can be harder in alternating schedules.• Math and core subjects may not be seen every semester.



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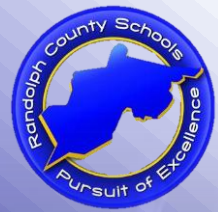
8-Period Scheduling	Pros	Cons
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More variety in daily schedule.• Shorter classes may be more engaging and less tiring.• Frequent exposure to subjects helps retain information.• Easier to manage make-up work if absent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constant transitions can feel chaotic and stressful.• More subjects mean more homework every night.• Less time for in-depth discussions and activities in class.



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Teacher Perspective

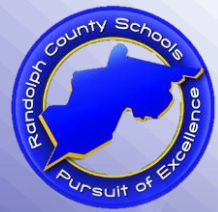
4-Period Block Scheduling	Pros	Cons
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fewer classes to prepare for daily.• More time for labs, projects, and deep instruction.• Easier to provide individualized attention within longer periods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keeping students engaged for extended periods is challenging.• Pacing curriculum to fit longer periods requires adjustments.• Absenteeism impacts more material at once.



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Teacher Perspective

8-Period Scheduling	Pros	Cons
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shorter periods can keep students engaged.• More frequent contact helps reinforce concepts.• Easier to implement routines with consistent daily schedules.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less time for in-depth instruction or projects.• Teaching more periods requires more daily preparation.• Transitions eat into instructional time.• Shorter planning periods



Reminder

The board meetings on 2/4 and 2/18 need to begin at 5:00 pm for the calendar hearings. Regular meeting to begin at 5:30 pm.



Questions?