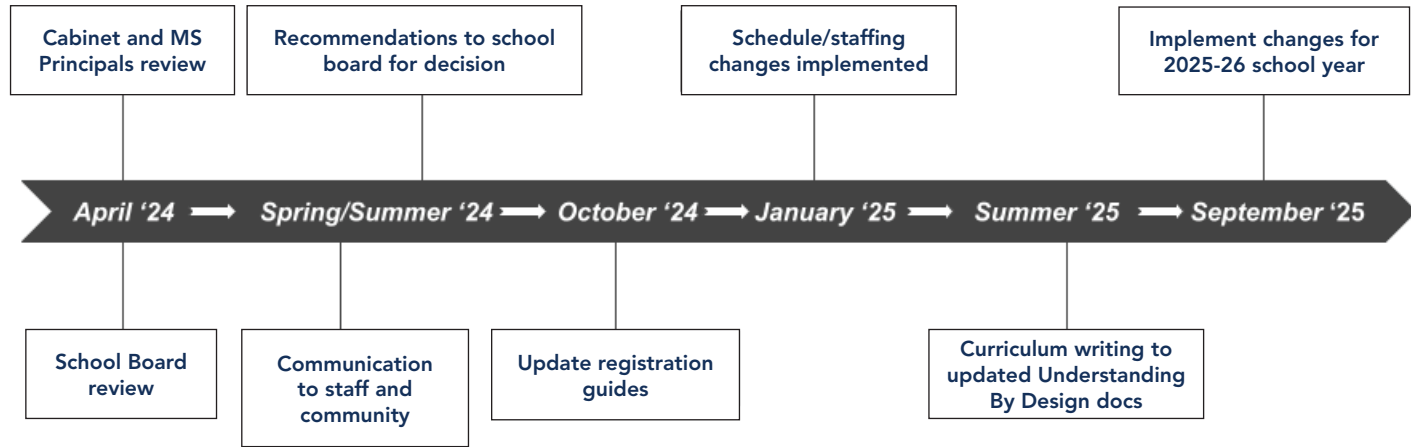


MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEW

TIMELINE FOR DECISION MAKING



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITIES

- Community Meeting #1:** Northdale Middle School, 11301 Dogwood St., Coon Rapids. Monday, May 13 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., brief presentation at 6:15 p.m.
- Community Meeting #2:** Educational Service Center, 2727 Ferry St., Anoka. Tuesday, May 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., brief presentation at 7:45 a.m. Enter at Door 1.
- Community Meeting #3:** Jackson Middle School, 6000 109th St., Champlin. Wednesday, May 15 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., brief presentation at 6:15 p.m.
- Online feedback option:** An online feedback form and video link to view the presentation will be available May 13. Remain alert for a follow-up email with these resources.

The district is committed to continuous improvement with the goal of improving outcomes for students. This program review is considered part of the district's normal curriculum review process, which could lead to budget efficiencies to maintain quality while effectively delivering education for students.



Scan the QR code to access feedback form.



ABOUT THE ANOKA-HENNEPIN

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEW

Anoka-Hennepin Schools is currently conducting a review of middle school programming, a process last undertaken when the district shifted from a semester-model to a trimester-model at the middle school level in 2009.

The overall goal: Middle school programming seeks to improve academic outcomes and create caring and challenging learning communities that meet the

needs of young adolescents and work toward the district's strategic priorities. The process will result in recommending changes to middle school programming with the following desired outcomes:

- Improve student achievement
- Improve student behavior
- Reduce costs while maintaining high-quality exploratory programming



I HEARD THIS IS GOING TO REMOVE ELECTIVES FOR STUDENTS?

Since students are provided similar programming in grades 6 and 7 there are no changes to the number of elective options for students in those grades. It is possible that students in eighth grade will be offered one less period of elective options. The current schedule offers up to six elective options over three class periods and that could be modified to four options over two class periods starting in 2025-26.

IS THIS REVIEWING BEING DONE TO CUT THE BUDGET?

The program review was scheduled in advance of the District's two-phase budget reduction and reallocation plan. The review is a best practice activity to review all curricular options to ensure the programming offered is relevant for both today's students and future learners. The option to modify the schedule offers the ability to maintain class sizes and increase academic time while also providing a partial solution for the district's overall budget.

WHEN ARE THE DECISIONS BEING MADE?

Following the collection of feedback from the community and staff, the School Board is expected to discuss options at the June 10, 2024 work session with action to be taken at a future date.

WHEN WOULD ANY CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT?

Any changes to the middle school program as a result of this review are scheduled for implementation in the fall of 2025. District staff would use the 2024-25 school year to prepare.

WHEN ARE OTHER BUDGET REDUCTION/REALIGNMENT DECISIONS BEING MADE?

The Phase 2 budget reduction and reallocation process will begin this fall with the school board expected to provide direction by December 2024.

Middle School Program Review department considerations

Department	Consideration 1	Consideration 2	Consideration 3
ELA (English Language Arts)	Continue to offer Advanced ELA as student-selected courses at each grade level.	Discontinue Advanced ELA as a separate option for students in middle school.	
Math	Maintain current math pathway: 6th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS PreAlgebra (grade level) MS Algebra (2 Levels above -Placement) 7th Grade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate PreAlgebra (grade level) MS Algebra (1 level above - placement) HS Intermediate Algebra (2 levels above) Advanced Math (Independent Study) 8th Grade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Algebra (grade level) HS Intermediate Algebra (1 level above) HS Geometry (2 levels above) Advanced Math (Independent Study) 	6th Grade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS PreAlgebra (grade level) Intermediate PreAlgebra (1 grade level above - placement criteria) 7th Grade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate PreAlgebra (grade level) MS Algebra (1 grade level above) Advanced Math (Independent Study) 8th Grade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Algebra (grade level) HS Intermediate Algebra Advanced Math (Independent Study) 	
Science	Continue to offer Advanced Science in grades 6, 7, & 8 using student self-selection for registration.	Discontinue offering Advanced Science in grades 6, 7, & 8.	
Social Studies	Continue offering grade level social studies courses		
World Language	8th Grade Continue to offer high school-level language courses for high school credit. 7th and 8th Grade Continue the Exploring World Languages and Culture course as an every-other-day elective.	7th Grade Require Exploring World Languages and Cultures for 1 trimester in 7th grade.	8th Grade Offer Intro to French, Intro to German, Intro to Spanish, and Exploring World Languages and Cultures (if consideration 2 is not adopted) as full-year, every-other-day elective choices that would not count for high school credit.
Art	7th and 8th Grade Offer Drawing/Painting and Ceramics/Sculpture every other day electives. Students can take the same course for 7th and 8th grade as the courses will be written to include a 2-year rotation of curriculum.	7th and 8th Grade Keep Art 7 and Art 8 as every-other-day electives.	
Music	6th Grade Continue every other day required music course 7th Grade Continue every other day 7th grade elective. 8th Grade Continue everyday 8th grade elective.	7th Grade Add an everyday music elective 8th Grade Add every-other-day elective in 8th grade.	

Department	Consideration 1	Consideration 2	Consideration 3
Business and Marketing Education	Inactivate Computer Explorations 8	Inactivate Computer Explorations 8 Move IT Explorations for Business/Marketing from high school to middle School (Year long, every other day).	
Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)	FCS 7 Consideration 1: Continue to offer year long, every other day. FCS 8 Consideration 1: Continue to offer year long, every other day.	FCS 7 Consideration 2: Change FCS 7 to a trimester, everyday course	
Technology Education	Tech Ed 7 Consideration 1: Continue to offer year long, every other day. Creative Innovations 8 Consideration 1: Continue to offer year long, every other day. Design & Manufacturing 8 Considerations 1: Continue to offer year long, every other day.	Tech Ed 7 Consideration 2: Change TechEd 7 to a trimester, everyday course. Creative Innovations 8 Consideration 2: Change Creative Innovations to a trimester, everyday course. Design & Manufacturing 8 Considerations 2: Change Design & Manufacturing to a trimester, everyday course.	
Reading	Continue to offer full year and every other day Reading Strategies based on student need.	In addition to the FY option, reading intervention is offered by trimester. Students remain scheduled each trimester based on benchmark achievement data	
Math Intervention	Math Foundations every other day for 6th, 7th and 8th grade.		
Project Lead the Way (PLTW)	Engineering: Aerospace and Design Continue to offer as an every-other-day elective for 7th and 8th graders. Engineering: Architecture and Robotics Continue to offer as an every-other-day elective for 8th graders	Discontinue both engineering electives at middle school.	Engineering: Aerospace and Design Offer at Jackson Middle School only as part of the specialty program. Engineering: Architecture and Robotics Offer at Jackson Middle School only as part of the specialty program.
Health	Continue required Health 6 and Health 8 as an every other day elective.		
Phy Ed (PE)	Continue required PE 6, Fitness 7 and 8 as every other day electives, and PE 8 every other day and every day electives.		

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*Notes:

- Adding prerequisites for Advanced ELA and Advanced Science was discussed, but not moved forward as a consideration at this time.
- Changes to elective courses offered at AMSA and JMS as part of specialty school programming were not included in this portion of the middle school program review process.