



Franklin Township School

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2015-2016 School Day

The student **school day** will be from 8:20-3:25 or 7 hours 5 minutes; with **included** additional cycle courses and homework help up to **10 minutes additional daily, or 7 hours 15 minutes. Early drop-off** at 8:10 at the beginning of the school day will be provided to all students and parents who wish to utilize this time for 50 minutes weekly. The end of each school day will provide an entire **10th period for cycle courses** available to all students for 185 minutes weekly.

This year **recess time will increase**. In response to student and parent requests for more physical activity and recess time, lunch modules will be 30 minutes each, and students will have **two modules daily, 30 minutes for recess and 30 minutes to eat lunch**, for a total of 60 minutes per day. Our new jogging pathway will be used daily by students for a supervised 10 minute walk/jog/run prior to 20 minutes of open recess. Total recess time is increased to 150 minutes per week. Parents should plan for students to go outside, and should have them dress accordingly. In all but the most inclement weather, we will go outside for walk/jog/run.

Instructional periods will generally be **37 minutes** in length. 6th period courses for middle school students will be 60 minutes in length, and will cover some special areas and science labs. All students will receive a daily **double instructional period** (74 minutes) in English Language Arts for 370 minutes weekly. All students will receive a daily **double instructional period** (74 minutes) in Math for 370 minutes weekly, at all grade levels.

Students will receive one daily instructional period in Social Studies (37 minutes) for 185 total weekly minutes and one period in Science (37 minutes) for 185 total weekly minutes, at all grade levels. Middle School Students will have an additional weekly **Science Lab of at least 60 minutes**.

Elementary K-5 will receive instruction of one weekly class period in the following special areas: Art-37 minutes; Music-37 minutes; Spanish -37minutes; STEM-37 minutes; Physical Education/Health-37minutes +150 weekly minutes recess; Computer Arts- 37 minutes; 10th Period Cycle Courses -37 minutes available daily, 185 minutes weekly, for all students.

Middle School Students in grades 6-8 will receive instruction of one weekly class period in specialized subjects. The 6th period scheduled classes will be 60 minutes, with other periods scheduled 37 minutes.

Special Subjects: Science Lab, PE, Art, Music, STEM, Computer, Spanish

Spanish:

6th Grade—Twice weekly—74 minutes.

7th Grade—Twice weekly—97 (1-60+ 1-37) minutes weekly.

8th grade—Twice weekly— 97 (1-60+ 1-37) minutes weekly.

****Conversational Spanish:** For those middle school students who choose **accelerated Spanish**, the Cycle Course “Spanish Conversation” is available 10th period 5 days per week, with a minimum half-year commitment.

Physical Education/Health Middle School --2 class periods weekly +150 minutes recess; optional cycle courses available.

Cycle Courses 10th Period --Exposure to a variety of content specific subjects 37 minutes will be available daily, 185 minutes weekly, for **all students**. Middle School students may select ONE cycle course per semester plus optional band/chorus. Courses are assigned, first come/first serve, and if limits are reached, names will be drawn at random for selection. Elementary students' cycle courses will be assigned and rotated.

Library--All students will have weekly access to the library. The library will be open and available for book checkout and return based upon a weekly class schedule for all K-8 students.