

April 14, 2022

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

Re: 2022/2023 Secondary School Timetable and Weekly Schedule

We acknowledge the secondary school timetable and schedule have changed since COVID-19, to provide teaching and learning opportunities while optimizing the health and safety of students and staff. While these concerns are still with us, in order to look forward and provide continuity of teaching and learning for the upcoming school year, we engaged in a comprehensive process that involved surveying secondary students, their families and staff; and consultation with school administration and staff. On behalf of senior district leadership, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to provide input.

I am pleased to share that from this process of engagement, the North Vancouver School District will adopt the following **secondary school timetable** for the 2022/2023 school year:

- Semester: Argyle, Handsworth, Seycove, Sutherland, Windsor
- Linear: Carson Graham
- Mountainside: no change (schedule will remain the same)

The weekly schedule for schools on the semester timetable, will see students take as many as four in-timetable courses from September to January and as many as four in-timetable courses from February to June. It is designed to provide:

- Tutorial time in the morning, before the first period.
- Four 70-minute in-timetable periods per day, with a fixed weekly rotation for periods 1, 2, and 3.
- A 60-minute lunch after period 3, which is then followed by period 4.

8:30 - 9:12	Tutorial
9:12 - 10:22	1
10:22 - 10:26	Transition
10:26 - 11:36	2
11:36 - 11:40	Transition
11:40 - 12:50	3
12:50 - 1:50	Lunch
1:50 - 3:00	4



To note:

- Schools will provide more detail on the fixed rotation for periods 1, 2 and 3.
- School staff will consider the transition times between periods and may recommend shortening the 60-minute lunch period to afford slightly longer periods of transition time (depending on the configuration of the school building and other factors). Some minor adjustments to the length of the transition times may be made at your child's school.
- Structuring the weekly schedule this way will allow students who require travel time to attend to afternoon commitments, such as Academies (that will be scheduled during period 4), the flexibility to do so.
- We understand student learning takes place before and after school, and we would like to assure students and families that opportunities outside of the timetable will be maintained going forward.

The weekly schedule for Carson Graham, with its linear system, will see some of the changes noted above (e.g. tutorial time, up to 60-minute lunch period, maintaining opportunities outside of the timetable), but most significantly, Carson Graham students will take as many as eight 70-minute in-timetable courses from September to June. This will allow Carson Graham to deliver the International Baccalaureate programming as effectively and efficiently as possible.

The changes for the upcoming 2022/2023 school year will give secondary schools the ability to:

- Maintain a high standard of teaching and learning across a variety of educational programs, while continuing to prioritize the health and safety of students and staff.
- Maximize in-person, in-class instructional time.
- Maintain a later start time for scheduled classes.
- Offer students and staff a daily opportunity to receive or provide extra support.

You can expect to receive more detailed information about the timetable and weekly schedule through your child's school. You can also expect that we will provide students, their families and staff with opportunities to continue to provide feedback on the secondary timetable and schedule to ensure the school district continues to best meet the teaching and learning needs of the secondary school community. Should you have any questions regarding the information I have shared today, please reach out to your secondary school principal.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvia Russell".

Sylvia Russell
Acting Superintendent