

GALLATIN COUNTY LOWER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DAY AND WEEK SCHEDULE POLICY



KRS160.345(2)(i)4

CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPING THE MASTER SCHEDULE

Our schedule will:

1. Give all students access to all classes, *avoiding conflicting schedules of specialized classes* and preventing any exclusion related to cultural background, physical abilities, socio-economic status, and intellectual status.
2. Provide students with the learning time they need, including technology access to complete writing assignments and other learning activities.
3. Promote efficiency and effectiveness, including protecting instructional time.
4. *Allow all teachers equitable planning and time to collaborate on a regular basis.*
5. Provide equitable access to effective teachers for all students, including opportunities for teachers to switch assignments to capitalize on in-depth knowledge of specific subjects.
6. Facilitate teacher opportunities to adjust the length of class periods when needed.
7. Promote reasonable and appropriate enrollments for all classes and appropriate numbers of pupils each teacher works with in the course of a day.
8. Respect the beginning and ending times of the school day and school calendar year as established by the Board of Education.

PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING THE MASTER SCHEDULE

Annually, the principal, with input from committee members and help if necessary from designees, will develop a master schedule for the school day that includes any identified or needed changes. The following procedures will be used:

1. Review student performance data, survey data (if available) from students, parents, and staff, and other input from staff on how well instructional time is being used and what changes (if any) are needed.

- Brainstorm current time barriers to implementing needed changes and meeting student needs and ways the schedule might be changed to remove those barriers.
 - Discuss advantages and disadvantages of various changes, focusing on the criteria listed in the first section of this policy.
2. Consider pertinent data from programs outside the regular classroom - arts, health, vocational studies, etc. to determine changes needed or extra time needed in these areas.

TIMELINE

Based on the above work, those involved will consult with the principal and make recommendations concerning schedule changes for the coming school year no later than the end of April.

By the start of school, the principal (and/or designees) will prepare a schedule for the coming school year including changes (if any) and notify the staff.

No later than September 30th the principal will report as an FYI item to the council on the schedule for the coming year.

POLICY EVALUATION

We will evaluate this policy through our annual policy review process.

Date Adopted: May 8, 2019

Chairperson Signature: Megan Morris

Date(s) Reviewed or Revised: February 9, 2022, February 8, 2023, February 14, 2024, March 12, 2025