

Crittenden Middle School - Additional Staff Input via Google Form

Timestamp	Email Address	What additional input do you have for the middle school bell schedule committee?
3/22/2024 8:39:07	[REDACTED]	If elective classes did not have homework, the 8 period day would be more successful (fewer executive functioning demands). Clearly, I did not see the presentation about the 7 period day but heard a bit about it at the department meeting. Would love clarification about the Instructional Support/EL combo and how that would work through my IEP lens.
3/22/2024 9:15:03	[REDACTED]	I wasn't in the meeting, so this might be redundant, but no matter what schedule we choose, I want to make sure my ELs who also happen to be SpEd/SDC do not miss out on an elective opportunity. It's a morale-buster to only have core classes to attend and they already feel stigmatized as it is. Thank you!
3/22/2024 9:16:41	[REDACTED]	We offer 8 different math levels, at least 2 levels of RTI, and 3 Coding levels that are taught by 5 math teachers. With a 7 period schedule, every math teacher will have at least 3 different preps (some will have 4-5). In addition we will now be responsible for an advisory class. 1 prep period will not be sufficient prep time for so many different classes. One solution can be that teachers who are assigned more than 2 preps (excluding the advisory) get 2 prep periods.
3/22/2024 9:40:06	[REDACTED]	Math Department is the smallest staffed department with one of the highest needs from our students (we have gone from 7 math teachers to 4 in the past 3 years with no new hires). Most of the Math department has 3 preps ([REDACTED] has 5). Decreasing prep time to just one period would greatly affect quality of teaching. Please consider hiring more math teachers and filling empty classrooms in the innovation center.
3/25/2024 19:58:06	[REDACTED]	Thank you to Tara and Swati for holding an extra meeting today to discuss the middle school schedule and hear teachers' concerns. We are all very happy to have more instructional minutes for our students and are eager to make this work! I did want to make one more point. When I started teaching in this district 8 years ago, we had a 7 period schedule with one prep. We also did not have co-teaching, nor did we have SIOP, and, at Crittenden, we taught double period math with 7 or 8 math teachers! Next year, we will still have all of these expectations on our shoulders plus a new advisory period with only 5 teachers who teach 10 levels of math, RTI and coding (and WEB). If we decide to move to the 7-period schedule next year, fewer electives will not be enough to mitigate the 50% cut in planning time along with the increase in expectations over the years. Please keep this in mind when you look at the master schedules. Thank you.