



# PATRIOT HIGH SCHOOL

Gifted Educational Services  
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# SCHEDULING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

- Students typically are scheduled for seven classes (and an Advisory class) We alternate between an “Even Day” (classes 1,3,5,&7) and an “Odd Day” (classes 2,4,&6)
- 1, 3, 5, 7 (each block is 90 minutes, and lunch is 30 minutes during 5<sup>th</sup> block) There are four lunch shifts.
- 2, flex / flex, 4, 6 (same as above, with lunch during 4<sup>th</sup> block. Flex is a 45-minute enrichment block that rotates through the classes grouped 1 & 2, 4 & 3, 5 & 6, 7 & Advisory.
- Lunch shifts are determined by the subject of your fourth or fifth block class. The grade levels are mixed!
- “A” lunch students go straight to the cafeteria and then go to their class for 90 minutes.
- “B” lunch students go to their class first for 30 minutes, go to lunch, then return to the class for the remaining 60 minutes.
- “C” lunch students go to their class for one hour, lunch for 30 minutes, then return to class for 30 minutes.
- “D” lunch students go to class for 90 minutes, then go to lunch.
- Students may select to eat in Commons 1 or Commons 2, we recommend that you pack your lunch for the first two weeks. Be brave & make friends to sit with.... one fourth of all students are “new”!!

# LOGISTICS

- Lockers can be assigned, however most students carry a back pack. Musicians and athletes arrange with their instructors or coaches where and how to store their equipment.
- We recommend that students keep a calendar or agenda to keep their assignments straight & remind them of the daily schedule.
- Around 300 students are educated in the trailers 'out back'. It is recommended that students dress appropriately for the weather and school performance.
- There are many extracurricular activities!! Check the Patriot Homepage to see the variety. Successful graduates encourage involvement in clubs and sports with other passionate students!!

# SIMILARITIES & DIFFERENCES

- Historically, students are ‘clustered’ in Language Arts classes for services, sometimes passes allow flexibility for students to select when they elect to attend.
- Seminars are conversations about ideas. Students are encouraged to defend their perspectives. This experience becomes a “meeting of the Minds”
- Freshmen are offered twelve 90-minute seminars throughout the school year.
- We love our field trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.



## FRESHMAN SEMINAR THEMES

Freshmen students in the Gifted Education Program will think about and discuss a variety of topics and issues that concentrate on the nature of the human being and human activities. In addition, students will participate in a variety of activities using written and artistic expression, as well as simulation. The curriculum provided by Prince William County includes the following themes for the experience:

DIFFERENTIATED SERVICE PLAN (Future Planning)  
IDENTITY  
HISTORY  
LANGUAGE  
LEARNING STYLES (Multiple Intelligences)  
ORDER & DISORDER (Mathematics)  
HEROES

NON- VERBAL COMMUNICATION  
PERSONALITY (Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Test)  
ART  
SOCIETY  
CREATIVITY  
MUSIC

The COVID-19 pandemic has not deterred us!!  
We have continued to provide Pioneers with optional online enrichment opportunities.

Patriot High School homepage informs students and parents of events!

Typically, there has been a freshman BRIDGING opportunity. This allows students to come into Patriot a few weeks before school begins to 'jump start' their high school career.

Last year, Freshman orientation provided students and parents an 'open house' before school began to get their schedule and explore the building. Staff was available to assist and become acquainted.

If you have questions or concerns you and your parents are more than welcome to contact us.

You can find us on the PATRIOT HIGH SCHOOL HOMEPAGE  
OUR SCHOOL / STAFF DIRECTORY / GIFTED EDUCATION

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