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Please provide any detailed feedback you would like to share regarding Flex block in the space below.

We really liked the schedule structure last year, it was well suited for our son's learning style. We had hoped that it would continue, but appreciate that at least one Flex block was included this year.

n/a

My child is an athlete so having flex on its current day ensures he misses less class when away completing and provides him time when he is present to catch up on missing work. It works well for our family.

I would prefer to have the flex block mid-week such as Wednesdays to give student the opportunity to get additional support on assignments and tests that are often at the end of the week.

mid week would work better so students can get help to work on assignments before they are due.

Our student appreciates the time to seek help / support when needed.

The day of the week is fine, but it would be better used by students if it were scheduled mid day rather than end of the week. Also a shorter block but twice a week would be even better.

My daughter takes advantage of the flex block every week to meet with her D&D group, and has very much enjoyed it. That said, she has not used it for academic purposes, nor would she be able to if it remains at end-of-day Friday -- her assignments are typically due in-class on Thursdays or Fridays, so having Flex occur on a Tuesday or a Wednesday would give her the opportunity to ask questions **after** she's had a chance to work on the assignment herself and **before** the assignment is due.

The majority of time, my daughter just comes home early from school during Flex block. The odd time she has used it if she has missed school for a medical appointment and needs to connect with her teacher, but mostly she comes home early.

Please continue with this block. It has been very beneficial for my daughter getting any extra help/time she needs with her academic classes.

My son is very busy with school and extracurricular sports. Flex time allows him to keep up with his classes and connect with teachers if needed to keep up. Great use of time in the school day!!

Friday flex helps with school sports tournaments. It would not be as beneficial on another day.

I would like a mid week flex block, as Friday it is too easy to leave. Our kids use the reasoning that they have all weekend to catch up if needed. I would like to see it mandatory with attendance taken.

Related to teaching in general... why are there so many "pro D" days embedded in a school year nowadays? Is there not sufficient time in July and August for professional development?

Please keep it

My child would do the activities at the end of the school day anyway, i.g. improv starting 2:15 or 3:15 regardless.

twice a week would be beneficial

While Friday works for students on teams not to miss as much class time, they also miss time to make up their classes if they miss any more. Also Friday is a hard sell with the weekend right after.

Not structured enough

Would like a different day and not as long

Please go back to the regular schedule of Monday to Thursday. Kids who are keeners and motivated will use flex, the others don't, or have to be chased to be there. I see it as a waste of valuable teaching time.

One concern is the activities that are scheduled during flex block make it difficult for the kids who joined the club thinking it was after school. They are missing out on the activity when they are using flex block to receive extra help. Therefore missing the activity they wanted to take part in.

the unmotivated and unconnected kids do not use flex unless there is an overarching school structure that holds them to account to be somewhere. Because of this, the most at risk kids lose out on contact time. It is hardly any time this year compared to last year, so I am less worried, but it is still a disservice to the at risk youth.

Diss like Flex. Students need to be in a classroom setting rather than having a 1/2 day on Friday

My daughter would ideally prefer the flex day to be on Wednesdays.

It appears that my daughter uses flex block as an opportunity to tackle outstanding work. I think it is making her more aware of time management.

I really enjoyed the flex block last year - this year it doesn't seem as effective - although I appreciate that my child did not need to utilize the time very frequently - possibly a different day than Friday would be better as they wouldn't be quite so tired out - end of week - and would use it more? I love the idea of the flex time, I hope we continue to try to make it work for everyone!

I think the flex block is an excellent idea for students that need further support or as a flexible period for 'project' work etc. Unfortunately, what we found in the first semester was that there were too many possible commitments and nearly never a time to utilize the flex block due to a team sport dominating that day (not just the block). We absolutely value the learning and experience from being on a team but the amount of Friday's (and Tuesday last block) missed by this team put a horrible strain on an academic class (too many classes being missed). The Friday study block would have been a perfect time to catch-up on work missed or gain additional support but was never able to be utilized due to the number of Friday's missed during the season. While not always utilized, the extra block at the end of the day during the COVID schedule was a really awesome way of having a support period available while also allowing time in a busy day to pursue valuable activities outside school classes. For our child, while driven to do well in school, school is not their most important passion. Some things we wonder about would be: more flex periods, a rotating flex period or a fixed flex period not on a 'taken day'.

My daughter really appreciates the option of going to any of her teachers and getting extra support in that subject depending on the needs at the time (projects, homework, etc...). She can get some of the weekend homework done before the weekend starts. And she has the option of leaving if she is all done. I think it gives young adults the opportunity to access teachers when they are not in front of the class. It also helps develop the academic and emotional maturity to seek help. I wonder if it is necessary in grade 8, but even last year, (grade 9), my daughter accessed flex-time.

My daughter is in lots of clubs (activities) and Friday is one of the only days she doesn't stay late after school. This is because of the flex block. Thank you.

Sometimes there is a lot of students in one flex block classroom (or math) and sometimes teacher doesn't have enough support to get to all kids or kids shy to ask for help.

As my child has difficulty keeping caught up in his studies he often depends on the flex block for additional one on one help with a teacher and the extra time allotted to finish due assignments .

maybe mid week - similar to the vanier structure

It seems flex block gives a positive opportunity not only academic support but also on the mental. So Please continue.

my daughter goes to flex block every week and appreciates the opportunity to have extra time to complete work

It just seems like a class my student skips. But, they do not require extra time or help. Maybe others benefit?

Don't have it at the end of a Friday-too easy to flit away with friends. Maybe block after lunch?

The structure set out in this email is not being followed. Teachers and administration are telling students if they aren't asked by a teacher to stay then they can go home. I believe this flex block was approved by SD71, but is being communicated differently to students at Isfeld. I have had confirmation from a teacher that students can leave if not needed to stay.

My daughter is in grade 11 and has a very busy schedule. Flex block is an excellent opportunity for her to get extra help or support. It also teaches/re-enforces personal accountability. She is in charge of her time and what she needs support with.

I see and want my child to use and participate in flex block but my child is shy and would rather leave school than participate.

I like the concept; however, my child would rather leave school on a Friday afternoon than go speak to teachers to get assistance. A different day in the week may be more productive.

My child would love to see the Flex block be continued for the rest of the year. She always attends the block for the entire period and makes excellent use of the time. She finds it extremely helpful in seeking teacher support to optimize her success.

Flex Block is an excellent opportunity for students to catch up. I fully support flex block.

Have a full day flex every second week!

More structure needed in order to ensure students are attending.

My son would prefer a Tuesday or Wednesday as then he can get help PRIOR to tests which often fall on a Wednesday and Thursday. Also teachers are not always available on Friday afternoons. Thanks.

Maybe Wednesdays would be better? On Fridays, kids may just take the opportunity to leave early.

a full flex day every other week would benefit my child way more than the current flex block schedule

This child is a straight A student, but it is still good that it's available for finishing tests/assignments when teachers are available to help with questions

This also allows students time to catch up if they miss a class for some reason.

Fridays

I would not want to see more time given to flex, but in its current form it meets a need.

I would prefer a mid week flex block as students tend to leave with it being on a Friday. My kids use the excuse that they have all weekend to catch up on assignments. I would like it to be mandatory with attendance taken.

Job well done

Peter is in his grad year and has used flex to get extra help on a heavy science course load. Please keep things going, it really decreases the stress
Thanks

Please keep it

Suggestion: don't make it optional

My child is performing well in class so he just skips the flex block as he is bored....

My son is in trades in Campbell River so this is not useful to him and yet he could use the additional time in his course. He has an IEP and more time is part of it...but due to the trade structure he doesn't have the extra time available.

Actually, I would like to see flex block on Friday's shortened to an hour block - but then provide another flex block day on say a tuesday, for an hour. Its just too hard for kids to keep caught up on four senior academic courses if they have to be away at all.

It is an issue when a child joins a club thinking it's an after school club but then it is booked during a flex block time when they are seeking help with the schoolwork.

So long as teachers are actually available to give support in this block, it's a great resource for getting help

My teenagers love the feedback opportunities that Flex block affords for revising assignments and having questions answered about new assignments that allow them to confidently work on them over the weekend.

I support the idea of Flex block continuing. However, for students that don't need extra support, there seems little available for them to do. I appreciate that teachers are busy and cannot supervise other activities....so perhaps for the students who are not needing extra help, instead of just sitting in the hallways, they should be encouraged to go home.

Please keep it's been great for our family

I would like my child to have to use flexblock for school work, not have the opportunity to do mine craft, etc during that time

I think it's a good idea. I only put agree instead of strongly agree because I feel my child doesn't take full advantage

My daughter likes having the extra time to complete school assignments, knowing she has support if needed.

I love the idea of kids being able to do homework and get caught up at school with the help of their teachers minimizing work at home

This has been great for preventing my son from getting behind in the areas in which he struggles.

I feel that it would be useful if there were some form of accountability such as attendance taking as those children who need help often are the least likely to seek it out.

Go back to 2 hr classes so kids can focus on a subject with less homework

I love that my daughter has the opportunity to work on any homework that needs to be completed. Its helps her to focus on the task and then have some downtime on the weekend with family.

Perhaps Flexblock is not used to its full advantage by grade 8 students, but they need at least a year to learn its value. Flex block should not be taken away from the grade 10-12 group because the 8 & 9 are still learning how to be independent learners.

This time during the week has worked out great for both of my children in grade 8 and grade 11 they are able to connect with teachers about assignments catch up on any missing work or tasks or work in small groups for projects

The Flex block is a great idea as a catch-up for the entire spectrum of courses however it seems to be used too much as an early dismissal for some students on the Fridays, Thursdays less enticing to leave early? As an example my daughter wanted to work on a group project with her partners last Friday but all but one of them bailed early for the early dismissal. In addition the occasional emails from teachers about "what it might be nice" for the students to work on should be more directed and assertive. Cheers

Flex is working great and should continue please. It's an excellent decompression space for the students and helps reduce stress

This is an excellent way for individualized help.

Don't change it!

It is a little difficult when more than one teacher is looking for your child during flex. Kalin prioritized and went to the class where he needed the most help. Is there a way for teachers to see that the child is already "flexing" LOL somewhere else. Kalin mentioned that one teacher commented on his quiz that he should have attended the flex and would have done better. But Kalin was already needing to be in French. I know the suggestion is to go to both teachers. However, when your child needs the whole hour block to actually make some progress it doesn't really help to do half of what you need in each class. Anyway, I was just wondering if there was a way that it could be recorded where the child ended up during flex. Somehow it would've been more helpful if the other teacher knew that he wasn't slacking off, he was actually attending something that needed more priority. Does that make sense? Because he is only in grade 8, he hasn't quite figured out any communication needs that he might have with teachers. So he is attending one flex and not informing any of the other teachers who are looking for him that he has to be somewhere already. I totally get that you were wanting them to develop their independence. I also cannot think of a suggestion of how it could be tracked where students are during flex. But if you can think of anything, I think that would be really helpful. Since it is mandatory, maybe students could be given attendance? So somewhere they show up that Teacher puts them in as attended and then it would be obvious if a student hadn't gone to anything. I don't know. I know that sounds like babysitting versus independent learning. I know that when it started, my son and his friends all thought that it was voluntary whether you went or not. I don't think they think that way anymore. I know my son is expected by me to go to a class, and so far there's been a teacher looking for them every week anyways. I also want to say that it has been very helpful for him. Please

I think it's too much to handle for a grade 8 kid who is already overwhelmed with all the new structure in high school. I believe they need to be supervised to make sure that time is not wasted.

My student would like the opportunity to use the fitness facilities to meet his health goals

I think it being on a Friday afternoon only encourages kids to see it as an extended weekend. I know that my child doesn't use it as he should to finish work. He only attends if his name is "on the board" and required to attend.

Flex block is an excellent opportunity for students to connect with teachers in a smaller group setting which allows for more specific feedback and mini-lessons. It also gives students an opportunity to work on assignments and /or address the importance of mental health. The flex blocks allow students a chance to feel confident in their work and workload which directly supports positive mental health.

Our daughter has used flex block every week since starting high school. She has used it to finish work, access academic support, and take part in improv. It helps our family in that any homework that is not done during the week can be finished with teacher help. The day of the week is not sooooo important to us but it is nice bookend to the week.

My child uses flex vocal to participate in extra curricular activities offered at school that are not in the regular time table and to get teacher support in academic classes. It's a very useful time in the school week for her.

End of day Friday is not a good day for flex. I feel students would take more of the intended advantage of flex blocks if not on a Friday.

Keep it as is!

more flex blocks or two days a week

more flex days or at least two a week

My daughter struggles with Math and flex block gives her the opportunity to get the much needed extra support from teachers

Unless my daughter has homework or is seeking clarification on a certain subject she usually comes home early. She is a part of band and is trying out for basketball but is not a part of any clubs at present. Currently she attends flex block 60-70%

My child participates in many sports as well as band and theatre and she has missed classes due to Athletics. Having the Friday to catch up on missed work, or hopefully being more proactive and completing work ahead of time, has been integral to her mental health. The amount of homework and expectations have been a shock to her system and the flex days are what keep her afloat.

This a very productive time for our daughter. She uses it too do homework before the weekend, use the computers in the library, and to get clarification on assignments. This day and time for flex block works for our family.

a full flex day every other week would benefit my child way more than the current flex block schedule

I think the perception amongst the student body is that it is only for students "failing" or by invitation. The Flex Block has a negative stigma associated with it.

This time allows my child the opportunity to have a quiet workspace and more one on one time with teachers. It has been great for my child's mental health as well because his stress of always falling behind has been alleviated.

This helps the kids

Require students to sign-in. Make a plan in previous day's AG and have a form to be signed by whichever teacher is involved on the Friday.

I appreciate the extra time for my child to catch up with teachers about assignments and work, especially considering some of the school that has been missed due to school sports. I do encourage my child to make best use of the flex block each week, but I know he doesn't use the time regularly.

It would be great to have a mid week flex block in addition to the one on Friday.

My daughter has used this block for both studies & club events!! This is absolutely instrumental for the students, for both catching up, extra assistance, or group projects...

My daughter uses her flex block regularly to get one to one support and also to catch up on missed assignments.

My daughter finds it hard to go due to her anxiety. She has only used it once.

The consistent weekly schedule allows my child to seek continuous help through the year and makes it easy to plan rides etc.

I do not agree with optionally attended instructional time. During regular school hours, they should be in class, learning. Their school days are already extremely short. Extremely short. I think teachers should demand more of them, not less. Flexible/optional time in an already very light schedule is not a good look for the school and teachers, in my opinion. You can do better.

Regular class would be better
My child does not need flex block

I am a little unclear about how structured and whether her attendance is mandatory. She seems to think she can leave the school if she doesn't need to connect with teachers. Since she is diligent and studious she doesn't usually have anything outstanding however I would like her to remain at school to engage in extracurriculars but unsure if those are structured enough to really engage in as I am not sure how well attended they are.

Happy with the way it is.
The structure indicated in this email is not what is being communicated to students by teachers and administration. They are being told they can leave if they aren't asked by a teacher to stay. I have this confirmed with a teacher that if students aren't asked to stay, they can leave... do the school board know this?

I would like to see a format similar to last year where there was flex put into the end of each school day as it allowed kids to ask questions and get any remaining work completed.

I think that the intention for flex block is idealistic and not realistic. They're kids. Very few are going to take advantage of this. I believe flex block being placed on a Friday afternoon is recipe for failure. Parents are not allowed in the school and have very little engagement so how are we to be influential in how our kids use this time. If it needs to happen, it needs to be mid week and mid day. Otherwise it's a waste of time.

My child has used the block to catch up on missed work because of sports and illness. It has been useful for him to maintain his grades.

Flex block would be wonderful if it had its own block so they don't have to go to it during another course and risk missing stuff in the class they miss.

For my son flex class is good for catching up or getting the help he needs
So long as teachers are actually available to give support in this block, it's a great resource for getting help

If the student has the opportunity to leave early they will they see the flex period as a get out of jail free card. Flex should be in the middle of the day / week and attendance should be taken

My child could benefit greatly from having the extra time at school to get caught up on class work, but they do not see flex time as mandatory and therefore don't attend regularly. I would like to see more accountability for students to attend as this is the only way that my child will attend regularly. The students think it is optional, but it needs to be mandatory and the students need to be held accountable for their attendance somehow.

Very helpful to catch up on assignments or missed tests because of sick days

Respectfully, we feel flex blocks, as they are currently structured, are a waste of time. We prefer (as does our son) more instructional time. As parents, we feel Canadian kids already struggle to keep up with their global peers and our schools and our country appear to strive for less, not more. Sadly, the new normal is to work to the lowest common denominator rather than the highest. Our schools take away so much from the students already and don't appear to honour the academic achievements in the same way they used to. Now, the solution is to once again take away more instructional time from those who want to excel in order to give more time to those who struggle. If flex time is a "must", perhaps offer useful alternatives for each group. For those who struggle, offer those students an "additional spare" to work on their studies. For those who want to further their learning, offer additional "educational opportunities" such as specialty courses or clubs that are not currently offered. Help students use the time wisely to achieve more, not less. Unfortunately, many kids do not take advantage of flex time. The school may convince themselves they do, but as parents we see most of them leaving school early and often hanging out at Starbucks, Timmies or McDonalds. Or they just go home, hop on their computers or whatever. For most, flex block is simply an early dismissal on Friday. This is not acceptable or an appropriate use of school time. If schools feel they must have a flex block then make it mandatory for all students to attend/participate and ensure ALL students get benefits from the time.

Great idea

Our son, in French Immersion, and I are both in favour of Flex block on Fridays. He would have used Flex for academics, but seeing he was on the Jr. volleyball team, he often had a tournament that day. Flex allowed him miss less school that day and play for the school team, with slightly less catch up to do. Now, he's playing for the Jr. basketball team, so the same may apply. He says if he has no sports on the Flex, he will definitely use it to catch up on academics. We see Flex as a positive addition to the school week for Mattias.