A.4. School Calendar and Weekly Schedule

If the Western Institute locates within the Amphitheater Unified School District, we will follow that district's annual calendar (see next page). Families in nearby neighborhoods may have students at both the Western Institute and a district school, so maintaining a common calendar is a family-friendly policy.

The school year will be 180 days long. The school will open at 7:30 a.m. so students can use the computer lab or other facilities for homework, academic tutoring or support, or other approved activities. Each day's classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m., with 45 minutes for lunch. Note that both the school day and core academic classes (60-65 minutes) are longer than those in traditional schools.

Thursdays will be early release days to give teachers meeting time, with classes ending at 2:50 p.m. After-school tutoring and academic support will be available every day. Other student activities including media production, sports, dance team, and community projects will be organized based on student interests and resources available.

The weekly schedule for all grades follows. *In Periods 1-2 and 4-5, English/Social Studies and Mathematics/Science are purposefully scheduled back-to-back to form flexible blocks of instruction for related core subjects.*

Total hours of academic instruction in courses required for graduation will be 5 hours, 50 minutes each day, just over 29 hours/week and ***1050 hours/year****.*

In grades 9 through 11, there will be 4 hours and 5 minutes of instruction in the 4 core subjects (English, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science) each day, for a total of 20 hours and 25 minutes each full week, and 735 hours/year. Seniors who have satisfied their 3-year Social Studies and Science requirements will take an Elective during Period 4 that may include an Advanced Placement course (offered online by ADE) or dual-enrollment course (offered by Pima Community College). Seniors will have Senior Project in Period 5 that will involve in-depth study and research in a core subject or interdisciplinary area that relates to their college and career path.

Media Arts, Spanish I or II, and/or Electives occur during Period 3. Electives also occur Monday and Tuesday during X block (Period 6), with Thursdays' schedule ending at 2:50 p.m. *There is one hour and 45 minutes of instruction per day in Foreign Language and Electives.*

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays		Wednesdays and Fridays	
8:30-9:35	Period 1 - Core	**8:30-9:35**	
9:40-10:45	Period 2 - Core	**9:40-10:45**	
10:50-11:55	Spanish - Period 3 - Elective	**10:50-11:55**	
	Lunch		
12:40-1:40	Period 4 - Core	**12:40-1:20** -	**Advisory or Full Community Meeting**
1:45-2:45	Period 5 - Core	**1:25-2:25**	Period 4
2:50-3:30	X block – Elective **(Thursdays – Early Release/ Professional Development)**	**2:30-3:30**	Period 5

The following pages provide 1) the Western Institute's yearly calendar, modified from the Amphitheater Unified School District yearly calendar to reflect the Western Institute's extra week for teacher planning and professional development at the beginning of the year; and 2) Weekly Schedules for grades 9-12. Note that the Western Institute employs longer, 60- or 65 minute periods for core academics than traditional public schools. Also, to facilitate interdisciplinary studies, English and Social Studies are scheduled as a block, as are Math and Science. Teachers can then present discrete subject-specific lessons as well as team-teach or arrange for collaborative, integrated lessons. This approach, coupled with a focus on big questions, themes, and real-world problem-solving and projects has been shown to be highly effective with the target population of diverse learners expected at the Western Institute. Longer periods, including blocks of 2+ hours facilitate varied and differentiated instruction, not only to engage multiple intelligences, and provide for individualized attention when necessary, but also to facilitate both individual and small group activities. Importantly, field trips and projects in the community can be freely scheduled within the normal weekly schedule.

Western Institute for Leadership Development

2011-2012 School Year

July '11

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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August '11

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September '11

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November '11

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December '11

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January '12

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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February '12

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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March '12

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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April '12

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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May '12

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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June '12

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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School Holidays

September 6	Labor Day
October 10-14	Fall Intersession
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 24-25	Thanksgiving
Dec 19-Jan 2	Winter Break
January 16	Martin Luther King Day
Feb 23-24	Rodeo Break
Mar 19-23	Spring Intersession
May 28	Memorial Day

School Days
School Holidays (district ofcs open)
District offices closed
Teacher Planning Day
All/Returning Teachers Planning Days

Grading Periods

1st	Aug 9-Oct 7	43	days
2nd	Oct 17-Dec 16	41	days
3rd	Jan 3-Mar 16	51	days
4th	Mar 26-May 25	45	days
		Total: 180	days

9th and 10th Grade Schedules

9th Grade Schedule

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays		Wednesdays and Fridays	
8:30-9:35	Period 1 – English I	**8:30-9:35**	
9:40-10:45	Period 2 – S.S. I	**9:40-10:45**	
10:50-11:55	Elective - Period 3 – Spanish I	**10:50-11:55**	
	Lunch		
12:40-1:40	Period 4 – Math I	**12:40-1:20** - **Advisory or Full Community Meeting**	
1:45-2:45	Period 5 – Science I	**1:25-2:25**	Period 4 – Math 1
2:50-3:30	X block – Elective **(Thursdays – Early Release)**	**2:30-3:30**	Period 5 – Science 1

10th Grade Schedule

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays		Wednesdays and Fridays	
8:30-9:35	Period 1 – Math II	**8:30-9:35**	
9:40-10:45	Period 2 – Science II	**9:40-10:45**	
10:50-11:55	Spanish I - Period 3 - Elective	**10:50-11:55**	
	Lunch		
12:40-1:40	Period 4 – English II	**12:40-1:20** - **Advisory or Full Community Meeting**	
1:45-2:45	Period 5 – Social Studies II	**1:25-2:25**	Period 4
2:50-3:30	X block – Elective **(Thursdays – Early Release)**	**2:30-3:30**	Period 5

11th and 12th Grade Schedules

11th Grade Schedule

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays		Wednesdays and Fridays	
8:30 - 9:35	Period 1 – Social Studies III	**8:30 – 9:35**	
9:40 - 10:45	Period 2 – English III	**9:40 - 10:45**	
10:50 - 11:55	Spanish II – Period 3 – Elective	**10:50 - 11:55**	
11:55 – 12:40	Lunch	**11:55 - 12:40**	
12:40 – 1:40	Period 4 – Science III	**12:40 – 1:20**	**Advisory or Full Community Meeting**
1:45 – 2:45	Period 5 – Math III	**1:25 – 2:25**	Period 4 – Science III
2:50 – 3:30	X block – Elective **(Thursdays – Early Release)**	**2:30 – 3:30**	Period 5 – Math III

12th Grade Schedule

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays		Wednesdays and Fridays	
8:30 - 9:35	Period 1 – Math IV	**8:30 – 9:35**	
9:40 - 10:45	Period 2 – Senior Project	**9:40 - 10:45**	
10:50 - 11:55	Elective – Period 3 – Spanish II	**10:50 - 11:55**	
11:55 – 12:40	Lunch	**11:55 - 12:40**	
12:40 – 1:40	Period 4 – English IV	**12:40 – 1:20**	**Advisory or Full Community Meeting**
1:45 – 2:45	Period 5 – Elective	**1:25 – 2:25**	Period 4 – English IV
2:50 – 3:30	X block – Elective **(Thursdays – Early Release)**	**2:30 – 3:30**	Period 5 – Elective