A.4 School Calendar & Weekly Schedule

The Rising School Calendar, 2013-2014

JULY 2013

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APRIL 2014

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MAY 2014

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LEGEND

- Staff/Faculty In Service; No School For Students
- Student Testing
- School Closed

SUMMER 2013
July 22-26, July 29-August 2, 2013: Professional and Curriculum Development for Staff
Baseline Assessment for Students during these two weeks
FIRST SEMESTER
August 2, 2013: Student Orientation
August 5, 2013: First Day of School
September 2, 2013: Labor Day: No School
September 12, 2013: Formative Assessment for Students
September 13, 2013: Teacher Grading Day: **No School for Students**
October 4, 2013: End of First Quarter
October 7-11, 2013: Fall Break for Students: **No School for Students**
October 7, 2013: Professional Development for Staff
October 8-11: Fall Break for Staff: **No School for Staff**
October 24, 2013: Formative Assessment for Students
October 25, 2013: Teacher Grading Day: **No School for Students**

November 27-29, 2013: Thanksgiving Recess: No School
December 20, 2013: End of First Semester
December 23-January 3, 2014: Winter Break: No School
SECOND SEMESTER
January 6, 2014: School Reopens
January 20, 2014: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: No School
February 20, 2014: Formative Assessment for Students
February 21-22, 2014: Rodeo Break: No School
March 14, 2014: End of Third Quarter
March 17-21, 2014: Spring Break: No School
April 7-25, 2014: AIMS and Stanford 10 testing window
May 5, 2014: Cinco de Mayo: **No School for Students**
May 5, 2014: Professional Development for Staff
May 23, 2014: Last Day of School for Students
May 27-30, 2014: Professional Development for Staff

Summer 2013

July 22-26, July 29-August 2, 2013: Professional and Curriculum Development for Staff
Baseline Assessment for Students during these two weeks

First Semester

August 2, 2013: Student Orientation
August 5, 2013: First Day of School
September 2, 2013: Labor Day: No School
September 12, 2013: Formative Assessment for Students
September 13, 2013: Teacher Grading Day: No School for Students
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Second Semester

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Days of Instruction—In Compliance with A.R.S. §15-341.01

First Quarter: 43 days
Second Quarter: 46 days
Third Quarter: 47 days
Fourth Quarter: 44 days
Total: 180 days

The Rising School's number of days of instruction is in compliance with minimum requirements for number of school days per year (180) as mandated in A.R.S. §15-341.01.

The Rising School's Weekly Schedule

Weekly Schedule, 2013-14 (6th grade)					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
7:30-8:25	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
8:30-9:25	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:30-10:25	English Compostion	English Compostion	English Compostion	English Compostion	English Compostion
10:30-11:25	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities
11:30-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:55	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
1:00-1:55	Physical Education	Fine Arts	Physcial Education	Fine Arts	Physical Education
2:00-3:25	Enrichment/Intervent.	Study Skills (Staff in PLC)	Enrichment/Intervent.	*Study Skills & Advisory	Enrichment/Intervent.
3:30-4:30	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*
4:30-5:00	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
Activities in *italics* are optional for most students.					
*Study Skills is 45 minutes and Advisory is 40 minutes on Thursdays					

Weekly Schedule, 2013-14 (7th grade)					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
7:30-8:25	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
8:30-9:25	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:30-10:25	English Compostion	English Compostion	English Compostion	English Compostion	English Compostion
10:30-11:25	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities
11:30-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:55	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
1:00-1:55	Physical Education	Fine Arts	Physcial Education	Fine Arts	Physical Education
2:00-3:25	Enrichment/Intervent.	Study Skills (Staff in PLC)	Enrichment/Intervent.	*Study Skills & Advisory	Enrichment/Intervent.
3:30-4:30	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*
4:30-5:00	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
Activities in *italics* are optional for most students.					
*Study Skills is 45 minutes and Advisory is 40 minutes on Thursdays					

Weekly Schedule, 2013-14 (8th grade)					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
7:30-8:25	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
8:30-9:25	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:30-10:25	English Compostion	English Compostion	English Compostion	English Compostion	English Compostion
10:30-11:25	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities
11:30-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:55	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
1:00-1:55	Physical Education	Fine Arts	Physcial Education	Fine Arts	Physical Education
2:00-3:25	Enrichment/Intervent.	Study Skills (Staff in PLC)	Enrichment/Intervent.	*Study Skills & Advisory	Enrichment/Intervent.
3:30-4:30	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*
4:30-5:00	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
Activities in *italics* are optional for most students.					
*Study Skills is 45 minutes and Advisory is 40 minutes on Thursdays					

Weekly Schedule, 2013-14 (9th grade)					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
7:30-8:25	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
8:30-9:25	Alg. 1/Geo or Alg. 2/Geo	Alg. 1/Geo or Alg. 2/Geo	Alg. 1/Geo or Alg. 2/Geo	Alg. 1/Geo or Alg. 2/Geo	Alg. 1/Geo or Alg. 2/Geo
9:30-10:25	World Literature	World Literature	World Literature	World Literature	World Literature
10:30-11:25	World History/AP	World History/AP	World History/AP	World History/AP	World History/AP
11:30-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:55	Biology/AP	Biology/AP	Biology/AP	Biology/AP	Biology/AP
1:00-1:55	English Composition	English Composition	English Composition	English Composition	English Composition
2:00-3:25	Elective/Intervent.	Study Skills (Staff in PLC)	Elective/Intervent.	*Study Skills & Advisory	Elective/Intervent.
3:30-4:30	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*
4:30-5:00	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
Activities in *italics* are optional for most students.					
*Study Skills is 45 minutes and Advisory is 40 minutes on Thursdays					

Weekly Schedule, 2013-14 (10th grade)					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
7:30-8:25	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
8:30-9:25	Alg. 2/Geo 2 or Pre-Calc	Alg. 2/Geo 2 or Pre-Calc	Alg. 2/Geo 2 or Pre-Calc	Alg. 2/Geo 2 or Pre-Calc	Alg. 2/Geo 2 or Pre-Calc
9:30-10:25	English Language/AP	English Language/AP	English Language/AP	English Language/AP	English Language/AP
10:30-11:25	U.S. History/AP	U.S. History/AP	U.S. History/AP	U.S. History/AP	U.S. History/AP
11:30-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:55	Chemistry/AP	Chemistry/AP	Chemistry/AP	Chemistry/AP	Chemistry/AP
1:00-1:55	Foreign Language 1 or 2	Foreign Language 1 or 2	Foreign Language 1 or 2	Foreign Language 1 or 2	Foreign Language 1 or 2
2:00-3:25	Elective/Intervent.	Study Skills (Staff in PLC)	Elective/Intervent.	*Study Skills & Advisory	Elective/Intervent.
3:30-4:30	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*
4:30-5:00	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
Activities in *italics* are optional for most students.					
*Study Skills is 45 minutes and Advisory is 40 minutes on Thursdays					

Weekly Schedule, 2013-14 (11th grade)					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
7:30-8:25	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
8:30-9:25	Pre-Calc or AP Clac AB	Pre-Calc or AP Clac AB	Pre-Calc or AP Clac AB	Pre-Calc or AP Clac AB	Pre-Calc or AP Clac AB
9:30-10:25	English Literature/AP	English Literature/AP	English Literature/AP	English Literature/AP	English Literature/AP
10:30-11:25	Econ./AP & U.S. Gov./AP	Econ./AP & U.S. Gov./AP	Econ./AP & U.S. Gov./AP	Econ./AP & U.S. Gov./AP	Econ./AP & U.S. Gov./AP
11:30-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:55	Physics/AP Physics B	Physics/AP Physics B	Physics/AP Physics B	Physics/AP Physics B	Physics/AP Physics B
1:00-1:55	Foreign Language 2 or 3	Foreign Language 2 or 3	Foreign Language 2 or 3	Foreign Language 2 or 3	Foreign Language 2 or 3
2:00-3:25	Elective/Intervent.	Study Skills (Staff in PLC)	Elective/Intervent.	*Study Skills & Advisory	Elective/Intervent.
3:30-4:30	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*
4:30-5:00	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
Activities in *italics* are optional for most students.					
*Study Skills is 45 minutes and Advisory is 40 minutes on Thursdays					

Weekly Schedule, 2013-14 (12th grade)					
Time	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
7:30-8:25	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
8:30-9:25	AP Calc AB or BC or AP Stat	AP Calc AB or BC or AP Stat	AP Calc AB or BC or AP Stat	AP Calc AB or BC or AP Stat	AP Calc AB or BC or AP Stat
9:30-10:25	Senior English	Senior English	Senior English	Senior English	Senior English
10:30-11:25	AP in a social science	AP in a social science	AP in a social science	AP in a social science	AP in a social science
11:30-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:55	AP in a science	AP in a science	AP in a science	AP in a science	AP in a science
1:00-1:55	Foreign Lang. 3 or 4 or AP	Foreign Lang. 3 or 4 or AP	Foreign Lang. 3 or 4 or AP	Foreign Lang. 3 or 4 or AP	Foreign Lang. 3 or 4 or AP
2:00-3:25	Elective/Intervent.	Study Skills (Staff in PLC)	Elective/Intervent.	*Study Skills & Advisory	Elective/Intervent.
3:30-4:30	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*	*Tutoring/Study*
4:30-5:00	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*	*Study Time*
Activities in *italics* are optional for most students.					
*Study Skills is 45 minutes and Advisory is 40 minutes on Thursdays					

Starting and Ending Time; Early Release Days

The Rising School will start at 8:30pm and end at 3:25pm every day. The school will have no early release days.

Yearly Hours of Instruction: 1170—In Compliance with A.R.S. §15-901

As the calendar and weekly schedule shows, all Rising School students have 6.5 hours of instruction (including 5-minute passing periods but not including lunch) each day for 180 days. Consequently, Rising School students will receive 1170 hours of instruction each year, well above the minimum mandated by the state in A.R.S. §15-901 (890 hours for 6th grade, 1068 for 7th and 8th grades, and 720 hours for high school).

Daily Instructional Minutes and Daily Core Instructional Minutes

Daily instructional minutes and daily instructional minutes dedicated to core academics for each grade level and content area are as follows:

6th Grade Courses

Daily Total: 365 minutes
Core Courses: 220 minutes
- Math: 55 minutes
- English Composition: 55 minutes
- Humanities: Literature: 25 minutes; World History & Geography: 30 minutes
- Science (Life, Physical, Earth, and Space): 55 minutes

Non-Core Courses: 145 minutes
- Physical Education: average of 33 minutes per day (165 minutes per week)
- Fine Arts: average of 22 minutes per day (110 minutes per week)
- Study Skills: average of 27 minutes per day (135 minutes per week)
- Advisory: average of 8 minutes per day (40 minutes per week)
- Intervention (Math or English Foundations) or Enrichment: 55 minutes

7th Grade Courses

Daily Total: 365 minutes
Core Courses: 220 minutes
- Math: 55 minutes
- English Composition: 55 minutes
- Humanities: Literature: 25 minutes; U.S. History: 30 minutes
- Science (Life, Physical, Earth, and Space): 55 minutes

Non-Core Courses: 145 minutes
- Physical Education: average of 33 minutes per day (165 minutes per week)
- Fine Arts: average of 22 minutes per day (110 minutes per week)
- Study Skills: average of 27 minutes per day (135 minutes per week)
- Advisory: average of 8 minutes per day (40 minutes per week)
- Intervention (Math or English Foundations) or Enrichment: 55 minutes

8th Grade Courses

Daily Total: 365 minutes
Core Courses: 220 minutes
- Math: 55 minutes
- English Composition: 55 minutes
- Humanities: Literature: 25 minutes; Civics, Government, and Economics: 30 minutes
- Science (Life, Physical, Earth, and Space): 55 minutes

Non-Core Courses: 145 minutes
- Physical Education: average of 33 minutes per day (165 minutes per week)
- Fine Arts: average of 22 minutes per day (110 minutes per week)
- Study Skills: average of 27 minutes per day (135 minutes per week)
- Advisory: average of 8 minutes per day (40 minutes per week)
- Intervention (Math or English Foundations) or Enrichment: 55 minutes

9th Grade Courses

Daily Total: 365 minutes
Core Courses: 275 minutes
- Math: Algebra 1/Geometry 1 or Algebra 2/Geometry 2: 55 minutes
- English Composition: 55 minutes
- English: Honors World Literature: 55 minutes
- Social Studies: Honors or AP World History: 55 minutes
- Science: 55 minutes

Non-Core Courses: 90 minutes
- Intervention or Elective: 55 minutes
- Study Skills: average of 27 minutes per day (135 minutes per week)
- Advisory: average of 8 minutes per day (40 minutes per week)

10th Grade Courses

Daily Total: 365 minutes
Core Courses: 275 minutes
- Math: Algebra 2/Geometry 2 or Pre-Calculus: 55 minutes
- English: Honors or AP English Language: 55 minutes
- Social Studies: Honors or AP U.S. History: 55 minutes
- Science: Chemistry or AP Chemistry: 55 minutes
- Foreign Language: Spanish 1 or 2, French 1, or Mandarin 1: 55 minutes

Non-Core Courses: 90 minutes
- Intervention or Elective: 55 minutes
- Study Skills: average of 27 minutes per day (135 minutes per week)
- Advisory: average of 8 minutes per day (40 minutes per week)

11th Grade Courses

Daily Total: 365 minutes
Core Courses: 275 minutes
- Math: Pre-Calculus or Calculus or AP Calculus AB: 55 minutes
- English: English: Honors or AP English Literature: 55 minutes
- Social Studies: Honors or AP U.S. Government (one semester): 55 minutes
- Social Studies: Honors or AP Economics (one semester): 55 minutes
- Science: Physics or AP Physics: 55 minutes
- Foreign Language: Spanish 2 or 3, French 2, or Mandarin 2: 55 minutes

Non-Core Courses: 90 minutes
- Intervention or Elective: 55 minutes
- Study Skills: average of 27 minutes per day (135 minutes per week)
- Advisory: average of 8 minutes per day (40 minutes per week)

12th Grade Courses

Daily Total: 365 minutes
Core Courses: 275 minutes
- Math: Statistics, AP Statistics, Calculus, or AP Calculus BC: 55 minutes
- English: Honors Senior English: 55 minutes
- Social Studies: An AP course in social science: 55 minutes
- Science: An AP course in science: 55 minutes
- Foreign Language: Spanish 3 or 4 or AP Spanish, French 3, or Mandarin 3: 55 minutes

Non-Core Courses: 90 minutes
- Elective: 55 minutes
- Study Skills: average of 27 minutes per day (135 minutes per week)
- Advisory: average of 8 minutes per day (40 minutes per week)

Senior Internship (fourth quarter)

Rationale for the Weekly Schedule

The Rising School's weekly schedule supports its target population by providing far more than the state-mandated minimum time for every grade in instruction and in instruction devoted to core academic courses. Rising School students will receive 1170 hours of instruction (including 5-minute passing periods) each school year, well above that mandated by the state (which is 890 hours for 6th grade, 1068 for 7th and 8th graders, and 720 hours for high school). Thus, the school provides 6th graders with 31.4% extra instruction, 7th and 8th graders with 9.6% extra instruction, and high-school students with 62.5% extra instruction.

In addition, The Rising School supports its target population by devoting most of its instructional time to core courses: 720 hours per year in grades 6-8 and 900 hours per year in high school (including 5-minute passing periods).

Finally, The Rising School supports its target population by providing time for intervention and tutoring. The school provides 3 hours per week of Study Skills, which includes tutoring, for each student. The school also provides 5 hours a week of Intervention courses (Math Foundations/Essentials and English Foundations/Essentials) for students assessed in the bottom quartile in math, reading, or writing. And the school provides before- and after-school tutoring.

Professional Development Days

The Rising School believes in the importance of professional development. The school will have two full weeks of professional development in the summer, July 22-26 and July 29-August 2, 2013. During the school year, the staff will meet in Professional Learning Communities for 1.5 hours each week. During the school year, there will be two full days of professional development (October 7, 2013, and May 5, 2014). After the school year ends, there will be four more days of professional development, May 27-30, 2014. This is an estimated 168 hours of professional development for the entire year.