



CSS FLEX BLOCK

Rationale: Flex block has been added to the CSS bell schedule as an intervention strategy, to systematically allow teachers and students the opportunity to **revisit concept** that have not yet been mastered, time to **do make up** assignments, tests or projects, or to **do extension** activities for those who already understand concepts being taught. We know that students learn in different ways and at different rates. This time allows students to better customize their learning at CSS.

Structure: Flex is a 1 hour block of time every Tuesday and Thursday prior to block 1.

Students and teachers will be given a choice each week on where they wish to go. Students will be allowed to choose a session with any of their 4 classroom teachers or from a variety of school wide offerings. If a teacher selects a student to attend their flex session the teacher choice will OVERRIDE the student choice.

Mandatory Large Sessions We will be introducing mandatory large group sessions periodically by grade or whole school on relevant topics.

Online Component: Each grade level has a grade specific online component that they are to complete. Students are to complete an online evaluation form for each of the sessions that they are to attend for their grade level or as a school. In addition students are to set goals for each course for each term and evaluate those goals at the end of each term. All online assignments are on the students MOODLE account and it is their responsibility to complete these assignments either in their flex block of choice or on their own time.

Attendance: Flex is a block of instructional time so attendance is **MANDATORY**. We have carved this time CAREFULLY out of instructional time because we believe allowing students to determine where this time best serves their learning needs is a key to

student's success at CSS. Attendance is monitored, but we hope that students and parents see the value in shifting this time into the hands of students and that they choose responsibly.

Assessment: Flex is a 2 credit course. Assessment is based on **student choice** (making a choice each week using the APP, **goal setting** (at the beginning and end of each term) and **online component** (completing grade relevant online assignments). Students and parents are able to keep track of progress using Moodle.