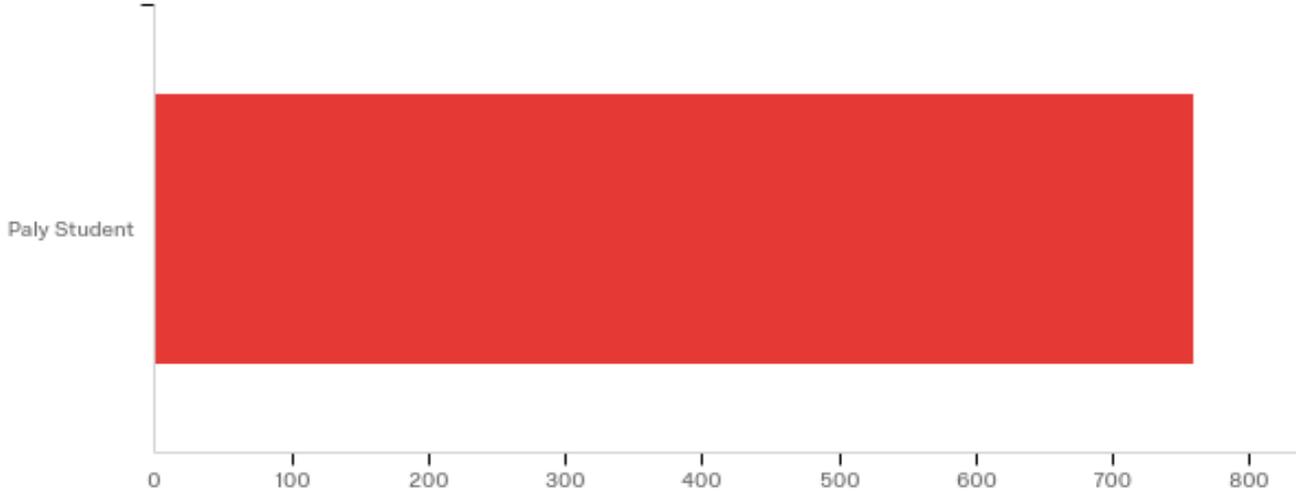# Default Report

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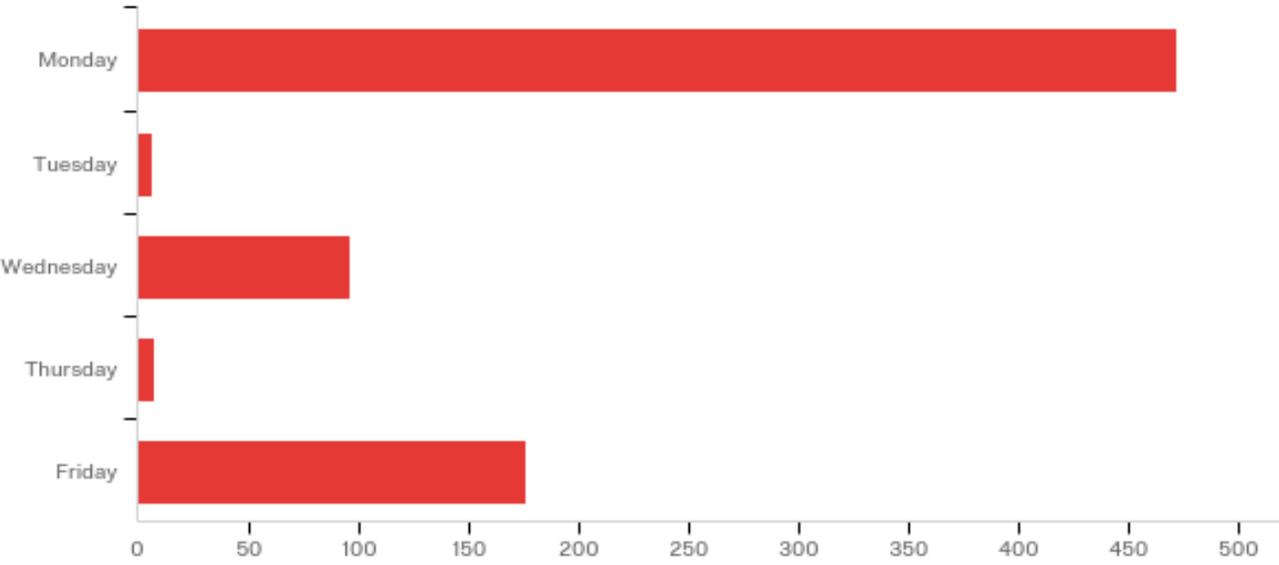
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Q2 - What is your role?
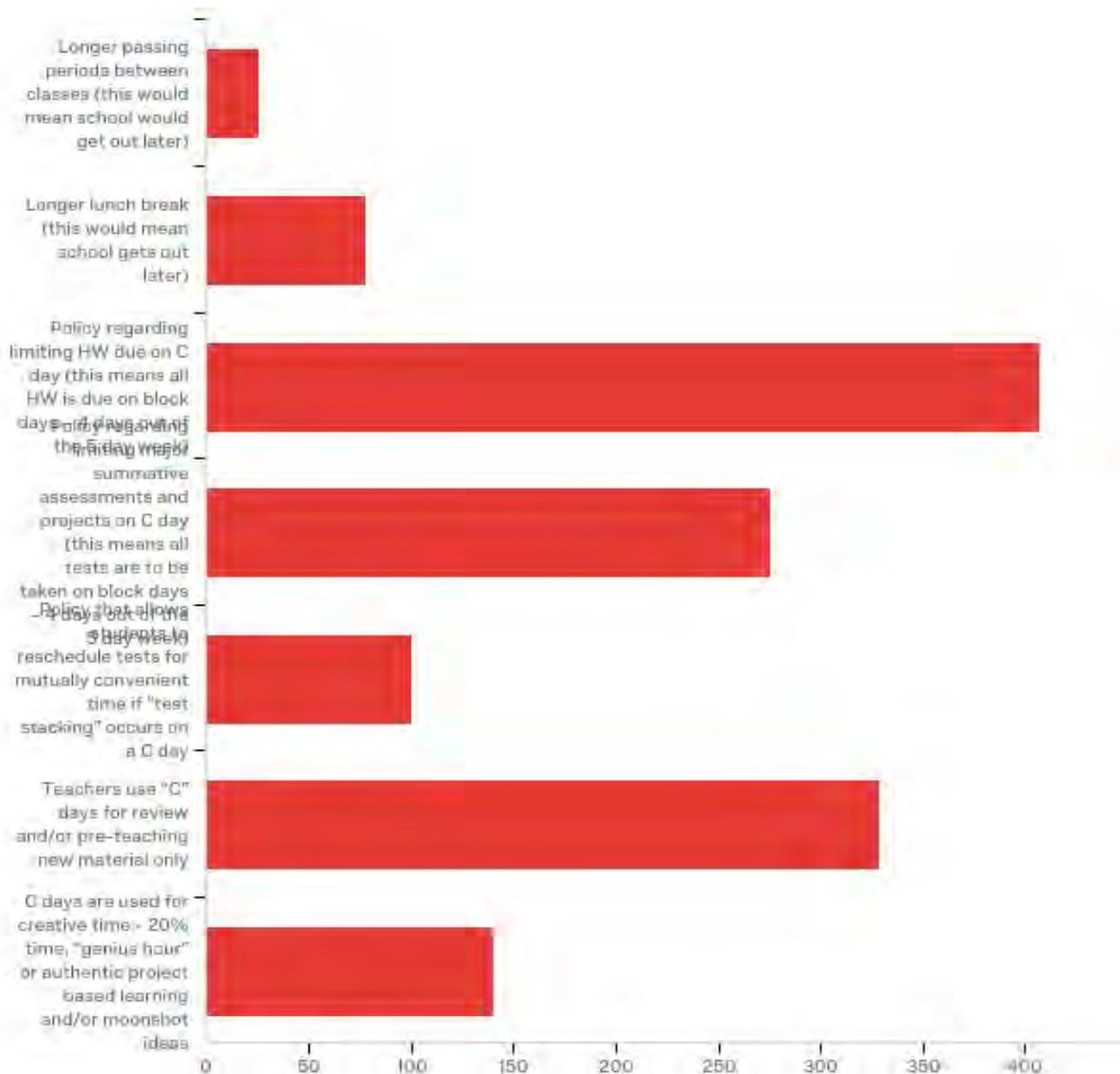

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Paly Student	100.00%	760
	Total	100%	760

Q4 - Given that the Minimal Change Option contains a C day, please indicate the day of the week that would be your preferred placement for the C day:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Monday	62.35%	472
2	Tuesday	0.79%	6
3	Wednesday	12.68%	96
4	Thursday	0.92%	7
5	Friday	23.25%	176
	Total	100%	757

Q9 - There are several recommended enhancements to C days. Please indicate up to two that you would like to see in the bell schedule:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Longer passing periods between classes (this would mean school would get out later)	3.54%	26
2	Longer lunch break (this would mean school gets out later)	10.61%	78

3	Policy regarding limiting HW due on C day (this means all HW is due on block days – 4 days out of the 5 day week)	55.37%	407
4	Policy regarding limiting major summative assessments and projects on C day (this means all tests are to be taken on block days – 4 days out of the 5 day week)	37.55%	276
5	Policy that allows students to reschedule tests for mutually convenient time if "test stacking" occurs on a C day	13.61%	100
6	Teachers use "C" days for review and/or pre-teaching new material only	44.76%	329
7	C days are used for creative time - 20% time, "genius hour" or authentic project based learning and/or moonshot ideas	19.05%	140
	Total	100%	735

Q5 - Please share any suggestions you may have in order to make the C day a more-valuable contribution to your learning.

Please share any suggestions you may have in order to make the C day a more...

I think C days should stay on Mondays. But I think it should be more of an instructional period so students can know what they are going to be learning thorughout the week. I find it really frustrating coming back from a weekend on monday and finding out that I have a test/quiz that I haven't studied for or homework that I haven't completed.

C days should be like a small break from the block periods where you review or catch up in the middle of the week. It's sort of like a check in period. However, there should be minimal assessments or homework due on that day.

I feel like if a C day is on a Friday, that means all the tests will be pushed up a day; so Friday might not be a good idea.

Overall, I feel that the C-day is already valuable and it would be too confusing to change this format in any major way. If anything it simply creates a large amount of homework on the weekend; however, I'd rather have two days to complete all that homework than one night (if it occurred on any other weekday).

let us know what we are doing in class before hand

If all homework is due on block days, then teachers must not assign extra homework to make up for the missing homework day. My point for having no weekend assignments is to reduce homework. What would be better, is if homework could be due on C-days, but not assigned, and definitely not just assigned the next day. The reason I want to get rid of the C-day, is it ups the ridiculous amount of homework, that I believe should not be so high. Maybe teachers can assign more extra credit instead...?

Teachers should try to assign less homework on these days. It feels like teachers only have time to assign homework and since we have every class we get homework for 7 classes instead of 3 or 4 classes during block days.

N/A

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The c day should just be individual review at catch up work.

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Less time per class period

I would like C days to stay the same. I think polices limiting homework and test would be harmful because we would just get more work on other days, increasing stress. Similarly, having C days be review days/genius hour would use up valuable class time and cause more work to be crammed into the block days.

No tests on c day, the class periods are too short for any assessments.

Get rid of it

Get rid of it

None

Teachers use "C" days for review and/or pre-teaching new material only.

Since there are many classes on one day, so I suggest that we should make C day an easier day. We can do some review and pre-teaching on that day and some small activities, since if we try to teach non this day it will be really tight.

Instead of rushing through material at a very fast day, C days should be used to review previously taught material or material needed to know in order to do the next assignment/homework.
If C days were used to review information that would be a huge help to students because they would be able to review information they may not realize they need to, and will likely do better on tests with this day instead of C days.
I like C-Days on Mondays because you get to see all your teachers and clarify anything that might have come up over the weekend and brush over everything to get "warmed up" for the week. But, sometimes, C-Days can be hectic and if C-Days went a little bit easier that would be great.
Start at 7:35 so we can get out at 3:00
Not have any homework due or given out because you would have all of your homework due and it's too much work
None
A genius hour but with nap pods
No HW assigned on c-days due the next day
Have less homework due on c days which are usually Monday because kids should be enjoying their weekends and not have to worry about school during their free time. We only get 2 out of 7 days off so it would be nice to not have to have our weekend torn apart because of homework
I think c days are great to have to meet with all teachers each week, and would be even better with the answers I selected in the previous question.
I think it would be nice if C days were used as FLEX time
Make it a "flex day" of sorts, where you ask all your teachers for help or work on homework. Except, you have to see all your teachers and be in THAT classroom, the bell rings every 50 or so minutes, etc...
less things to bring to school
nothing due/assigned
n/a
We don't need to use laptops on C days (lighter backpack)
n/a
Make it a review day, maybe also shorter
Implement some of the above changes.
C days are for review
They usually give out a lot of new information right when we get back. I think that we should spend the first half of class reviewing and then slowly move into learning kind of new stuff for the rest of the period.
I think we should not have tests on the short C days and limit the amount of work. It should sort of be similar to a flex day where we get our work for the week done and review for tests.
homework due on c-days is not as much of a problem, because we usually have the weekend to complete all assignments. Also, homework assigned on C-days is not a problem either because you will only have up to 3 assignments due the next day.
I would really like to have a later start due to sleeping problems.
I really do not have any complaints about the C-Day Schedule. However, it would be better if the amount of homework assigned over the weekend was limited so as not to place a lot of stress for students over the weekend to complete assignments for several classes instead of three or four.
more flex time

C days sometimes feel like a rush for me.

My most important problem with c days is the heavy backpacks because you need to bring all your stuff to all your classes. If you look around on c days you can see that many backpacks are over a foot thick and I think that is really not practical

Not teach anything important on those days since we won't be able to learn a lot

less test stacking on c days

I like C days a lot because we have all our classes and shorter classes as well. And also C days is where most teachers take it easy and review things that we did the last class.

more meditation

I also like the policy about no tests on c days, just use it for a day to prep for the week and review material you may need to.

I wish C days were more an intro to the week and had more fun hours dedicated to it.

C day should have a flex add on to reduce the stress of having 7 periods, even if it makes school longer it would give students valuable time in the middle of the day for a break.

start later because everyone is always tired on monday mornings

Longer passing period

Teachers should try to use it for reviewing materials learned from last week, and INTRODUCE any longer projects to start on the next block period.

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I would just like to say that I don't like C days at all.

Getting rid of it because it's not productive. Teachers rush through the material and sometimes do not get through all of it.

I think the worst part of C days is there could be a lot of homework from Monday to Tuesday for even classes and only one night to work on it

More independent time for review/asking the teacher for help/questions before the weekend

This question isn't fair. There's other aspects to consider, most namely the ramifications with any of the selections e.g. having a C day on a Thursday night entail other features, making this question faulty in collecting quantitative data.

Make it a review day so students can catch up and use material they just learned.

Don't need Infocus to be soo long!

C days are fine but judt change the day that they are on because Mondays become even more stressful. Also not having tests on C days would be beneficial for everyone.

i am fine with c days

Leaving the C day as is but making it official that no tests can be put on C days would be the best option because the reason C days are good already is that almost all teachers have already decided putting large tests on C days is unfair for students due to the time constraints. This allows students to always have Monday to prepare for the tests later in the week.

I don't know

N/A

Make it so teachers can't assign to much homework on the C day. This is the main reason I don't really like C days. 4-5/7 of my teachers will assign homework that is due in one or two days and adds stress. If the district could coordinate it so only certain teachers can assign homework on certian c days and have them switch off that would

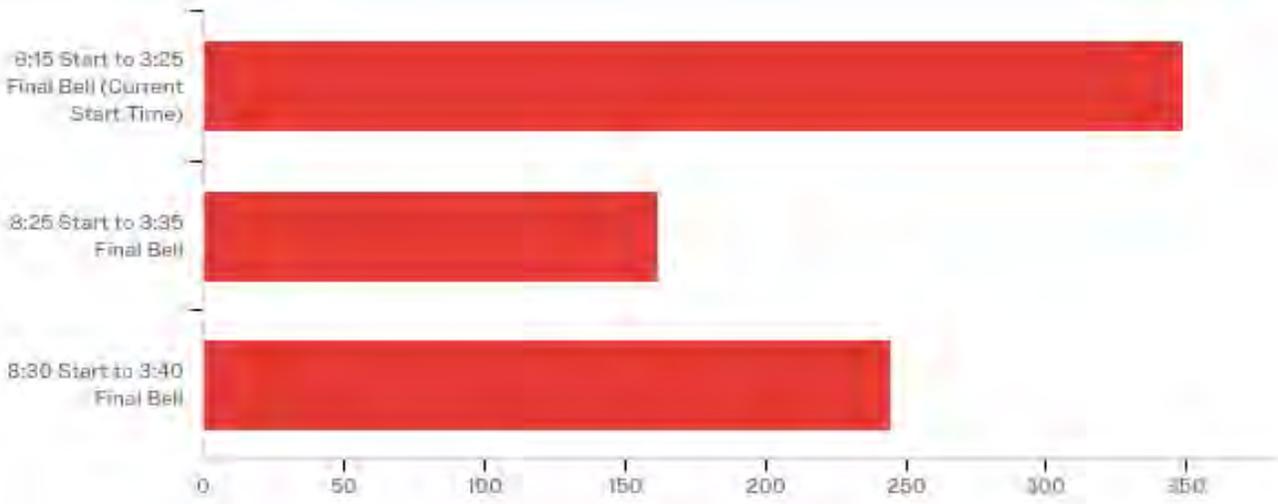| |
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| be great. |
| More productive |
| Review day all day |
| I have no comments |
| I don't mind C-days |
| No homework ever |
| If the schedule was the same but maybe a teacher tutorial after school? |
| I guess it kind of piggybacks off of the above, but it's difficult to handle when teachers assign a load of homework on c days that are due the next day |
| I'd really like it if no quizzes or tests were allowed to be given on C days because it puts a lot of pressure on you during the weekends and I feel that my mind just hasn't "warmed up" on Mondays. |
| C-days are beneficial as it can prepare you for the week however they can be extremely stressful to prepare for if you have homework due in every single class over the weekend, but I find them very helpful with shorter periods to simply have more work time and and being able to know what to expect in the week. |
| Teachers should not assign lots of homework due the next day (for even classes) because students only have one night to do it on top of extra curriculars |
| Make school end earlier for C-days |
| Maybe have the C days be more just learning material and no big assignments to be due the following class because there is merely anytime to absorb the content given. |
| Start later |
| Please make homework due on blocks. Please. |
| Please do create a policy for limiting the workload due on C days, it is the biggest issue. |
| The big problem with C days is that all teachers assign homework (give homework out) on C days. Causing a lot of homework to be done monday night. Also homework is due on monday causing a lot of homework on the weekends. |
| Don't have C days... backpacks are WAY too heavy. |
| please do not make school end later, it is already late enough, we do not need longer school days! |
| C days would make the most sense if they there are rules that teachers should limit homework because as a student, that's the most stressful part of C days. |
| I really like the idea of just have C day as all classes but those classes are just for review days and prefacing materials as well as making sure that there are no tests on Monday because some of the teachers dont answer their emails over the weekends and so for certain classes you need monday to ask questions about review material for tests. |
| Try to make it even more of variable for the students as for what they want to spend their time doing. |
| My backpack is too heavy on C days- maybe not having to bring computers on C-days or something like that |
| self guided learning periods |
| If C days are any day but monday, student will not have a weekend to utilize to do homeowrk for seven class periods. I would rather use a lot of my free time to do homework than have a lot of homework and no time. Also, by having C days on mondayit eases students into the week with shorter class periods, making it easier for students to focus. |
| Eliminate C Days |

I think that not many teachers put tests on c days because of the lack of time to take the test but on c days the classes are too short to memorize the lesson so you go into the week confused because you dont have time to understand the materials. Also on c days EVERY teacher assigns a ton of homework for the rest of the week so monday night is homework night

I don't like C days, they're exhausting and make it harder to focus

It would be great if C days were kind of like flex days. We still need to go to all of our classes, but we use the time in the class to prepare for work/projects rather than teachers cramming a 1.5 hour lesson into a 50 minute period.
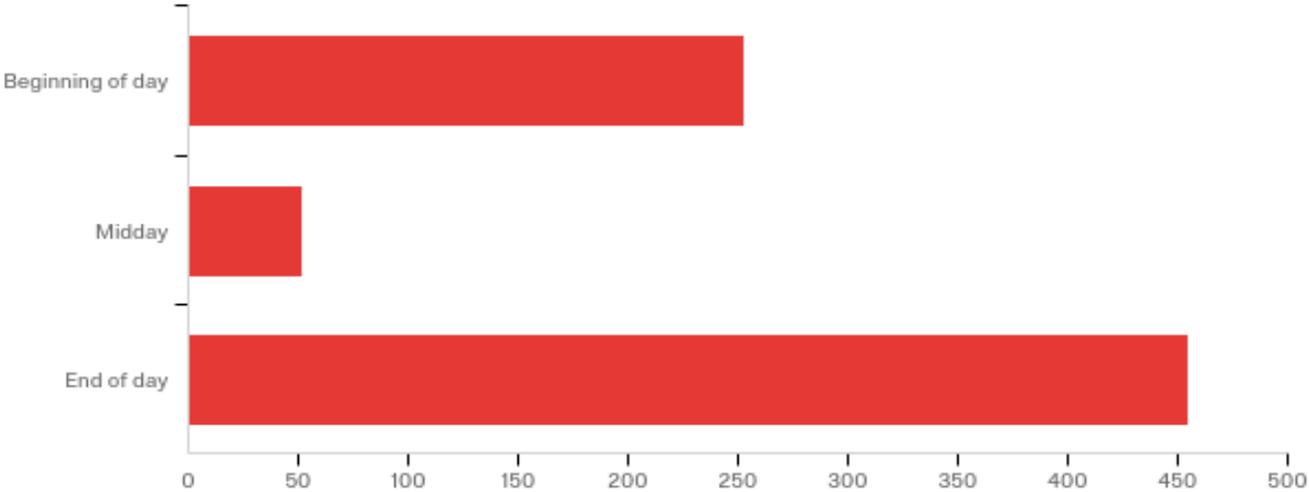
I don't want C days at all. This is because I cannot calm down and focus in 50 minutes.

Q3 - Were Paly to change the school day start time, the end of the scheduled day would also need to be changed. Please indicate your ideal time frame for the school day for next year's schedule (2017-18):

#	Answer	%	Count
1	8:15 Start to 3:25 Final Bell (Current Start Time)	46.16%	349
2	8:25 Start to 3:35 Final Bell	21.43%	162
3	8:30 Start to 3:40 Final Bell	32.41%	245
	Total	100%	756

Q6 - Please indicate your preference for time of day for Flex and Advisory:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Beginning of day	33.29%	253
2	Midday	6.84%	52
3	End of day	59.87%	455
	Total	100%	760

Q7 - Please share any suggestions you may have in order to make the scheduling of Flex/Advisory a more-valuable contribution to your learning.

Please share any suggestions you may have in order to make the scheduling o...
There should be fun activities set up in the quad during flex and advisory for students that don't have a class to attend to. It could be a way of getting to know more students that you go to school with!
Mandatory flex is a waste of time. If kids need the help they will seek it out, or teachers should be able to order that a student stays during flex time to take a test/work with them. There's not enough space at Paly for 2000 students to be relaxing, no good places to study generally, loos of productivity. Most of advisory can be told through an email or video announcement. It should also be call slip based for those who need it. PLEASE more senior advisories - we need a more solid checklist for colleges (how to send in SAT/ACT, how Parchment works, etc.) - two college counselors are not even close to enough. Felt a major lack of guidance here and it impacted my ▮▮ application. Thanks!
do it before school so that it can be an easy morning and then we will be more organized to start school
Flex and Advisory occur on both Tuesdays and Thursdays, meaning both days are T-days that end at 2:55 (or later if school start time moves), so there is more Flex time. After Advisory, students would have Flex, making for a more consistant schedule, and making it easier to concentrate at Advisory (when only a fraction of students are held in every few weeks and most students are free to leave campus, Advisory seems less like class time, and more like an add on that is not an important part of school). Also, Advisory can have flexibility between Tuesdays(best) and Thursdays(okay). Or, students could have Flex until 2:25 on Thursdays. Basically, I just want more Flex time.
no more advisory just flex
It wastes time to have every student check in with a specific teacher, since these teachers were assigned at random. It was better a couple years ago when students could check in with any teacher, wherever they happened to be working
Please make flex no check in!! Most kids will take the initiative to stay at school if they need help, but just waiting around at school if you don't have anything to do is absolutely definitely not, do not even really annoying.
have more flex less advisory flex is useful for talking to teachers advisory is worthless
Um cut flex
I like having Flex/Advisory at the end of the day because it's nice to have relaxing periods at the end of the day.
Flex and advisory is already a very useful time for learning.
People voted on this because they didn't know we get no flex or minimum days. We need a re-vote.
People don't know that if we keep C days we don't get any flex days and minimum days. We should make sure that ppl know that.
None
I feel it is better to put after all classes finished
Non-mandatory flex
I think that you should be able to sign in from any classroom. It is a hassle and a waste of time to pack up your work and walk across the campus to sign in.
None
Please schedule as many tests as possible on C days so we can know when they are

make advisory optional
I don't know
Make it optional because a lot of kids do not use tutorial that often anyways.
I think beginning of the day would not be great because there'd be even more motivation to cut (just sleep at home). Midday would be even more strange in my opinion. It's just a random break in the middle of the day near lunch, so minimal productivity.
That's fine
make week prior to finals all flex days, so students can study and ask questions from teachers they have questions for
More involvement from organizations such as Sources, etc. Not just learning about school but mental health, etc.
n/a
Make it optional again.
I do not get much accomplished during flex, so it would be more useful to me if it were optional.
please make it optional again
More flex days
We should make them at the beginning of the day so students can sleep in if they choose
Shorter Flex period
maybe make advisory an every other week check in so you can leave early some days or do homework
We literally don't do or learn anything in advisory in 9th grade but maybe a lot of people just use flex as a time to hang out which is really nice because we never get to hang out during school hours
giving more tools to manage workload, checking in at the beginning so one does not have to walk around campus and also so that we can work past the flex ending bell without worrying about being marked absent in flex.
If completely necessary to attend flex/advisory a call slip should be given to the student or announced to all in schoology posts.
N/A
I believe that instead of school starting later it should start earlier because of sports after school and more time to get home and do homework
I think that flex should be either at the beginning of the day or Midday
9th grade advisory is basically pointless, and in tenth grade we had it like 3 times in first semester so it didn't mean anything. There should be more prepping done for jobs and college in advisory and you should have it almost every week for every grade learning important things and not like the annoying anti bullying stuff that has become a joke
I think that it is better to have/keep flex in the beginning of the week so students can use that time to finish the homework they have due for the rest of the week.
Not make it a waste of time
more meditation on the quad
I like flex time at the end of the day because you have had your classes and you have the work that suppose to do but if you didn't understand it then you come back at the end of the day, so it works perfect.
flex in the middle of the day would give me a much needed break in my workday
maybe make it a bit more structured and have 1 space for children to rest without interruption... maybe activities

Staying around school when you don't have a teacher to go see is a bit of a waste of time
Flex midday could be useful for a nice break.
Having flex in the middle of the day is the most valuable.
definitely in the morning and it can b optional
no
Keep it the same just at the beginning of the day
make it in the morning and IF we have to check in, make it at the end of Flex
have optional activities/stations where students can work on various things
let us leave
flex is not productive, most people just fool around and most people feel as if it is a waste of time.
Flex and advisory has to be in the afternoon, flex especially so that students can attend all of their classes first then return during flex to ask questions.
Have it at the beginning of the day, so students can use that time more productively and aren't tired from school day.
Flex should be optional. When we do have materials to catch up tutorial is a great time, but we simply kill time when we do not have anything to make up.
make it flexible - no signing in.
It is most useful at the end of the day because then you have all the homework info that you need, so you can do it.
Advisory is the biggest waste of time. We talk about what are we stressed about and what our goals are--> we all say we're stressed about school and our goal is to have good grades and healthy relationships--> NO ONE GAINS ANYTHING FROM THIS BECAUSE IT IS SO PREDICTABLE WE ALL KNOW WHAT EVERYONE WILL SAY. Instead talking about it give us a second flex so we can ACTUALLY alliviating the stress!
Nothing
Extend the time
N/A
Keep it where it is, it's nice to have a period after some school days where you can go home or do homework
its point less dont have
It would be more useful in the middle of the day I think. Kind of like a study hall or prep which is very useful. At the end of school I don't really get anything done because I have to change for sports and get food, water, etc.
No homework
Scheduling flex/advisory at the beginning or middle of the day would be a huge blow to athletes since we have to leave school early a lot and instead of missing flex/advisory we'd be missing a class.
Make it possible for students to work out arrangements with the school easier if they have pressing work/school conflicts.
what happened to the sign-in system back in 2013-14?
I feel that beginning or end of the day would be the best timings.
Do not make it so mandatory to go to your advisory teacher at the end of flex of the fact that maybe the student is all caught up with the content at hand.

I believe that the use of advisory is not being maximised to its full potential. I would like to see that program re-envisioned and be a more useful and worthwhile block of time for students.
Flex=Bad
not mandatory?
I prefer the schedule just the way it is and I find flex to be perfect that way it is.
Flex is extremely important, please don't get rid of it, only increase the amount of the Flex hours in a week.
make it optional because many of us study better at home. or let us go home and come back to check in. I'm never very productive during tutorial so it's a waste of time
Flex would be much better utilized at the beginning of the day.
optional
Unsure
make it more frequent and longer because once a week is not enough to talk to 7 teachers + advisor also the lessons during advisory about stress and wellness etc.... we've heard those talks several times a year, every year since elementary school, so they are basically useless at this point, I have heard people come of advisory saying "what a waste of time" so you may want to fix that.
As a Paly student, I would prefer advisory be clear as to whether or not certain grades should attend seeing as it makes pick up times difficult. Preferably, advisory would not be extended because if you drive home with another student, it is inconvenient to force them to wait 50 minutes to take you home.
make flex optional, as many students including myself find the time unproductive whereas the time would be better spent at our houses.
N/A
don't make it mandatory it's a waste of time lol
Please eliminate Advisory and make Flex 2 times a week on Tuesday and on Thursday. Not a lot of people show up to Advisory, making it counter productive, and the lesson material is typically repetitive, most of which the students already know. If students need more technical information, they should see their TA during tutorial to get more personalized one on one information, while the rest of the students who don't need the extra guidance can go to other teachers for help that they need more.
Make it more flexible to accommodate students with athletics.
It is valuable to have flex and advisory at the end of the day because if students have to leave school early (ex: for sports competitions) it is much easier to make up that time than it is to make up for a missed class.
If taking a test and/or meeting with a teacher during flex, it's quite easy to accidentally get a cut. In my opinion, making signing in mandatory for flex is not the most effective thing.
Signing in to Flex does not feel useful, and if I am in a place where I can't go check in with my teacher (ex. testing center) I get a cut for no reason.
It's fine in it's current state
I believe that over 90% of students can agree that school should start later, like at 9 or 9:30.
It is better at the end because then we can allocate the time to do what we need to do after knowing what assignments we are assigned.
More flex days are appreciated and needed
don't make flex mandatory
Not required

Q8 - If the school adopts a start time of 8:30 or later, would you endorse the following staff scheduling changes:

- ■ moving PLC/Collaboration time to before school
- ■ moving Staff/Department meeting time to before school
- ■ moving both to before school
- ■ keeping both PLC and Staff/Department time after school

#	Question	Yes		No		Total
1	moving PLC/Collaboration time to before school	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0
2	moving Staff/Department meeting time to before school	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0
3	moving both to before school	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0
4	keeping both PLC and Staff/Department time after school	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0

Q10 - Please share any suggestions you may have in order to make the scheduling of teacher professional time a more-valuable contribution to your practice.

Please share any suggestions you may have in order to make the scheduling...