

DMSchedules vs Excel/Google Sheets

Still creating your school schedule in a spreadsheet? There's a better way!

DMSchedules combines our powerful, web-based scheduling software, field-proven best practices, and a team of scheduling experts to help you define instructional priorities to develop effective student-centered elementary school and special education schedules.

With [DMSchedules](#), school administrators from K-8 educational organizations of all sizes can now develop effective schedules in a fraction of the time. **What used to take weeks can now be done in hours!**



Time-Saving	DMSchedules	Spreadsheet
Drag and drop periods onto the schedule without merging cells	✓	✗
Periods are pre-configured with school or district minute guidelines	✓	✗
Simple specials rotations are automatically generated based on the main schedule	✓	✗
Individual teacher schedules are automatically created and updated when the main schedule or special schedule changes	✓	✗
Special staff workloads is visible per day and week to help increase equity or identify sharing opportunity	✓	✗
Error Checking		
View homeroom time conflicts as you schedule	✓	✗
View specials staff or classroom assignment conflicts as you schedule	✓	✗
Validate the schedule against best practices	✓	✗
Validate the schedule against constraints (such as lunch periods outside the lunch window, exceeded cafeteria capacity, overallocated staff, etc.)	✓	✗
Verify if all classrooms are receiving the same minutes of specials or identify assignment errors	✓	✗
Compare scheduled minutes vs planned minutes to see how your schedule deviates from your plan	✓	✗
Communication & Transparency		
School personnel always have access to the latest version of the schedule	✓	✗
The schedule format is consistent across schools and classrooms. Every period shows start and end time, duration, variance from the plan, teacher assignments, and more	✓	✗

Teachers can bookmark a link to their personal schedule , which is updated in real time from the main and specials schedule	✓	✗
Quickly and easily download your schedule or instantly share it via a link.	✓	✗
Best Practice and Guidance	DMSchedules	Spreadsheet
DMSchedules encourages scheduling best practices , such as grade-level schedules, consistency across grade levels, and adherence to guidelines for minutes of instruction	✓	✗
Scheduling experts will assist you in creating your schedule and brainstorm ideas with you	✓	✗



All of the above plus...

	DMSchedules	Spreadsheet
Time-Saving		
Drag and drop IEP services onto the schedule	✓	✗
Immediately see each student's homeroom schedule to identify the best time to schedule push in and pull out services	✓	✗
The schedule can be created in an hour rather than weeks	✓	✗
Compliance		
Ensures all IEP services are scheduled exactly per the requirements	✓	✗
Admins can quickly access staff schedules and monitor scheduling progress	✓	✗
Conflict Avoidance		
See when other service providers have scheduled students to avoid conflicts	✓	✗
Increased Communication and Transparency		
View a student's homeroom schedule overlayed with all push in and pull out services	✓	✗
Homeroom teachers can access their homeroom schedule and see when all their students receive push in or pull out services	✓	✗
Staff may share their schedule with co-workers electronically	✓	✗
Special education teachers can create and manage paraprofessional schedules	✓	✗



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