

Secondary Schedule Design Services

Building Better Secondary School Schedules to Raise Achievement



Preparing schedules for secondary schools is a complex process that too often defaults to “the way we’ve always done it” or other traditional practices that are not aligned with your district’s priorities and current student needs. This results in less effective schedules with higher costs, inefficient time management, and additional staffing requirements to meet legacy instructional goals.

Strategic Secondary Scheduling

At DMGroup, we partner with districts and schools to help analyze current schedules, staffing, course offerings, and academic programming practices and then design powerful secondary schedules that increase academic achievement, college readiness, and student voice and choice.

Avoid preparing middle and high school schedules “the way you’ve always done it.” By setting priorities, managing course offerings precisely and strategically, and maximizing the time of staff and students, schools and districts can build high-impact secondary schedules that align with the emerging needs of students and increase student engagement while ensuring equity.

Key Concepts

- ✓ Before You Build a Schedule, Set Priorities
- ✓ Don’t Focus on the Structure of Secondary Schedules
- ✓ Provide General Education Intervention
- ✓ Provide Access to Rigor
- ✓ Determine Nuanced Class-Size Targets
- ✓ Precisely Match Staffing to Course Enrollment
- ✓ Strategic Secondary Scheduling for Success

“DMGroup helped us see schedules in ways we had never considered before. They were instrumental in helping our team analyze our schedules, identify impactful ways to adjust them, and help build buy-in from staff.”

- Olwen E. Herron, Ed.D., Superintendent,
Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools (VA)



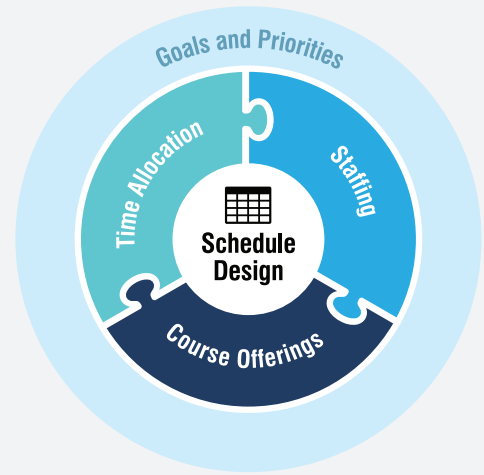
Secondary Scheduling

Approaching scheduling strategically requires establishing clear goals and priorities that drive how time is allocated, what courses are offered, and how staffing is assigned.

Time Allocation: How is time in the bell schedule allocated and what are key components of an effective schedule?

Course Offerings: What are effective strategies to provide a variety of course offerings to students in an efficient and equitable way?

Staffing: What are effective ways to schedule staff that meet student needs and provide opportunities for staff collaboration?



DMGroup's Secondary Scheduling Framework

Our Approach

DMGroup's Secondary Schedule Design follows a structured process that includes:

- **Working with teams** to set a clear vision for teaching and learning and align the scheduling processes to goals and priorities
- **Analyzing the financial, staffing, and course efficiency of current schedules**, including a review of the equity of offerings and incorporation of student voice and choice
- **Recommendations** for scheduling alternatives
- **Facilitation of a change management process** to help build buy-in for recommended changes.

Key Benefits

Design best practice schedules to support your instructional priorities

- ✓ **Align your schedule** to instructional best practices and key school and district priorities
- ✓ **Unlock opportunities** to raise achievement and improve equity across subjects
- ✓ **Utilize approaches** that maximize core instructional time for students
- ✓ **Establish cost-effective and equitable staffing** based on course enrollment and class size targets
- ✓ **Increase collaboration** and buy-in in the scheduling process



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