



WILLIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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August 19, 2015

Dear Willis Families,

We are excited to announce a new 40 minute Academic Perseverance (AP) period to the Willis Junior High schedule. Starting Monday, August 24th, Willis will begin running a six period day. All students, during fourth period, will attend one of three AP classes: Reading Skills, Math Skills, or Study Skills.

Math and Reading Skills are designed to help students reach grade level mastery of critical content in Language Arts and Mathematics. Students were targeted for these classes using state assessment and diagnostic assessment tools. Students will rotate between computer programs and small group instruction with Willis teachers. By regularly tracking progress, we will be able to exit students when grade level mastery has been reached. For more information regarding these classes, visit the Willis website at: <http://bit.ly/1hKRzFS>.

Study Skills will utilize the Premiere Executive Function curriculum and researched-based best practices to improve student’s non-cognitive abilities including: organization, goal-setting, self-regulation, and problem-solving. During this period, students will complete mini-lessons designed to improve Executive Functions and also participate in 20 minutes of reading. More information regarding the Study Skills class can be found on the Willis website at: <http://bit.ly/1hKRzFS>.

We believe this change in scheduling will allow us to best meet the needs of all students and better prepare them for the rigors of high school and beyond. Students received their new schedules today, and the new Willis bell schedule is attached to this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s grade level counselor, should you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Delp
Principal



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Monday – Thursday ~ BELL SCHEDULE

PERIOD	BEGIN TIME	END TIME
0 <small>(JAZZ BAND & POWER HOUR ONLY)</small>	7:59	9:01
1	9:05	10:07
2	10:11	11:14
3A	11:18	11:53
3B	11:53	12:28
3C	12:28	1:03
ACADEMIC PERSEVERANCE*	1:07	1:47
5	1:51	2:53
6	2:57	3:59

**Students will attend Math Skills, Reading Skills, or Study Skills.*

**Some students may also qualify to attend YEARBOOK or ROBOTICS during this time.*