Dropping HS Courses – September 21, 2020 CounselorTalk Responses…

We allow 10 school days for students to drop a class without penalty.  We are on a block 8 so that means that have each class 5 times.  After that, it’s a WF.  We do allow for extenuating circumstances and this year has had quite a few.  We switched to hybrid after two weeks which has made it harder for some kids to do the harder honors math and science classes, so I haven’t been as strict.  But in a typical year, that’s the policy we follow.

Open drop period is the first 10 days of the semester.  After that requires lots of extra hoops (parent/teacher conferences and agreement that student is in over their head, or forced drop of a fun class for a support class, etc).  At the 4.5 week mark a W is posted to document they were in that class for the first portion of the semester, after the 9 week mark for the semester a Wgrade (whatever grade they have at the time of the withdrawal - WF, WC-, etc).

It doesn't count against GPA or anything, but documents their path and actually acts as a deterrent to the kids that are just trying to drop b/c they don't want X grade to show up on their transcript.  It shows anyway and gets them to work harder to get the grade up!

Our policy is that students are allowed to change from one class to another for the first week of the semester. After that, students are only allowed to drop for a study hall if they do not already have one (students are only allowed one study hall each semester). They are only allowed to drop for a study hall up until the midway point in the semester. After that if they drop they receive a "withdraw" grade on their transcript for the dropped class

We have a two week window at the beginning of each semester where a student can drop and add without penalty (although if they go from honors or AP to regular, they take their grade with them- plus dropping an honors, dual credit or AP class requires a parent signature). Students also have to make up any assignments in a new elective they choose, so we discourage any changes after one week. After that it's a WF on their transcript and it gets calculated into the GPA as an F. The only thing that could override that is a case conference or 504 decision.

Students have 5 days (trimester school, 12 week trimester) to acknowledge if they are in the wrong class.  Admin allows counselors a full 8 days to make any adjustments.

Reasons for course change after the end of the previous school year ends:

1.  Changes in Master Schedule

2. Failure of a prerequisite

Of course we allow for extenuating circumstances, but we stick to the 2 reasons for the vast majority.

In addition, we do have a policy for PE courses.  Upon any type of injury, students must provide a doctor's note indicating no physical activity for a set duration time period.  If the time period is the length of our trimester, the student is withdrawn without penalty and placed in study hall.  If the duration is shorter than the trimester time frame, we request the doctor to indicate what the student CAN do.  This allows for the student to remain in the class to earn their credit instead of having to fit it in their schedule at a later time.

Hi Kevin! At NP we gave the first two weeks of the semester to do any drops. Then it was a W/F after that which calculates in the GPA as an F.

We have a drop and add period.  After the drop and add period, students drop with an F.  The only exception would be if that is made in an IEP case conference.

Typically, we allow students two weeks at the beginning of each semester to request a schedule change. No changes are allowed after that date unless requested by a teacher. We have been more flexible this year because of covid

Hi, Kevin.  We had an issue with students wanting to drop a class half way through the grading period several times last year, so we put a schedule change policy into place for this year.  It states that schedule changes must take place within 10 school days.  Obviously, there are extenuating circumstances, but it has worked well so far, and it's been really nice to have a policy in the handbook that we can show parents and students.

We allow drop to a study hall if they don't already have one in the first four weeks. We allow level changes within that period too (i.e., Algebra II Honors to Algebra II, or vice versa). After four weeks, no changes to the semester can be made at all.

We have a drop/add period (add as space allows in the class) that typically is the first 10 days of each semester.  If they drop after that time, we do a W/F on transcripts.  There are exceptions of course due to IEP, RTI, etc.  This year we have been more lenient as this is our first week with any students in person (and we had 4 weeks of Virtual)

We have a two week schedule change policy. After those two weeks, it would be a W/F listed on the transcript. The policy is in our handbook

The scheduling process occurs throughout the spring semester. Each student will have the opportunity to meet individually with the counselor and explore all available scheduling options. Course offerings are subject to change based on availability, staffing and enrollment.

Students may request changes to their schedule within the first three (3) days of school, only if they meet the requirements for an approved schedule change. Change requests will not be accepted after that time. All schedule change requests must be made in writing on a Schedule Request Change Form and are subject to counselor review and approval.

Approved reasons for a schedule change request may include:

* Missing a class required for graduation
* Adding a class that a student did not previously pass
* Student does not have the required prerequisite
* Changing Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway
* Diploma type change
* Student has an incomplete schedule
* Teacher recommends a change based upon academic needs
* Error made by the school

Schedules will not be changed for a failing grade, teacher preference, the class being perceived to be too difficult, to have classes with friends, personality conflicts, etc