



## INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF TEXAS

Dear ILTexas Arlington K-8 Parents,

We're eager to share enhancements to our K-7 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade master schedule with you! Over the course of the spring semester, we met several times across the district to reflect on how we could improve, enhance and maximize on our instructional minutes & master schedule, thus better serving and challenging our students. Highlights include:

- Extended staggered drop off and pick up times to further improve the flow of traffic and greater focus on instructional minutes:

**Arrival 7:15am-8am (please drop siblings off *together*)**

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students must report to their first class by 7:45am  
Kinder-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students must report to their first teacher by 8:00am  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade (@Mayfield Campus): Students must report to their first class by 8:00am  
\*Earlier drop off times and later pick up available for families driving to both campuses  
\* Cafeteria will continue to be open for breakfast in the morning. There will be designated areas for students who arrive early (younger siblings).  
\*For your convenience, for the first week of school, we are providing a shuttle from Park Springs where you can drop off and pick up your kids. Limited availability, preference given to our older students/single riders (sign up and receive more info during Meet the Teacher).

**Dismissal (siblings/carpool/rideshare students will be dismissed *together*)**

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3:45pm-4:05pm  
Kinder-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 4:00pm-4:20pm  
\*We'll begin driveline at 3:30pm, please refer to and adhere to the driveline procedures

- Across the district, all K-7 campuses (Garland, Arlington & Keller) will share the same K-7 master schedule (some differences for 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Perhaps the greatest benefit to this one common master schedule is that our teachers will now be able to form one shared Professional Learning Community (PLC) across the district. They'll meet daily as a grade level PLC and 2-3 times a month as a district-wide PLC with teachers from the other divisions (live, via a virtual platform). As an example, during a district-wide PLC, all 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers in the district may meet with our district math coordinator.
- The 2015-2016 master schedule ensures that all K-8 ILTexas students receive Athlos, or athletic conditioning, *daily/part of their academic schedule*



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- Increased percentages of Chinese and Spanish instruction (and rigor) and increased district/campus-wide trilingual initiatives (phrase of the week, trilingual poem of the month, etc).
- All students in grades K-7 will have a built-in daily recess/break time in assigned areas.
- Finally, every grade level now has a built-in enrichment time after minutes in core content areas are completed. The district, in conjunction with our GT consultant, will provide additional recommendations for what may occur during enrichment time/leadership class (which may also serve as tutoring/remediation for the students that need it). In sum, this will be opportunities for grade levels to differentiate instruction. Most faculty and staff will teach a leadership class or teach an enrichment group. We are also exploring the possibility of opening it up to community members who may be willing and able to lead an enrichment group. Please note that during the first three weeks of school, student will receive a leadership course during this enrichment time. Thus, enrichment groups may not begin the 4<sup>th</sup> week of school (we will need time to assess our needs and schedule groups).

More details to come as the year progresses. But for now, we couldn't wait to share these enhancements with you! We are proud of our accomplishments thus far, but are confident the best is yet to come!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Carrasco", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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