

2022-2023 Class Schedule FAQ

How do the class periods work?

Class periods will be 90 minutes on Monday–Tuesday and Thursday–Friday. Wednesday class periods will be 60 minutes. Classes will alternate every other class day, with Periods 1/2/3 meeting on one day, and Periods 4/5/6 meeting the next day. Classes will generally meet five times over a two-week period. As a general rule, on each class day, you should attend the classes that you did not attend on the previous class day. For example, if you attend your Period 1, Period 2, and Period 3 classes on Friday, and on Monday there is no class because it's a holiday, you should attend your Period 4, Period 5, and Period 6 classes on Tuesday.

What's Community Time?

Community Time is at 10:05 Monday–Tuesday and Thursday–Friday. This is a 45-minute block when all students and faculty are not in class. During Monday's Community Time, faculty attend Faculty Meeting, and on Thursdays they attend their Department Meeting. Advisory Meeting time is reserved on Fridays. Students may use Community Time on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays how they wish (for example, attend club meetings, attend counseling appointments, study, etc.).

What's Flex Time?

Flex Time is at 2:55 Monday–Tuesday and Thursday–Friday. This is a 45-minute block when all students and faculty are not in class. Unlike Community Time, Flex Time is not reserved for attending community meetings, but rather, Flex Time is a scheduled block during the day that students may use as they wish; students will use their Flex Time in different ways depending on their co-curricular, personal preferences, and overall daily schedule:

- Some varsity co-curriculars may start their practices during Flex Time (3:30pm)
- Some students may want to attend counseling or college advising appointments
- Some students may want to study or relax
- Some students may want to schedule music lessons during this block.

What is the Class Schedule Calendar and why is it so important?

The [Class Schedule Calendar](#) is a tool that helps students and faculty remember what class period (first, second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth) they should attend on what day. The Class Schedule Calendar can be found on [the Student Bulletin](#) below the Academy Calendar and on the [Class Schedule page](#).

A few notes about the Class Schedule Calendar:

- The projected alternating day schedule for each term will be loaded into the calendar before the first class day of that term; the calendar keeps track of what periods are meeting on what days.
- The Fall Term alternating day schedule will be visible by late August, and the Winter and Spring Terms will be visible later in the year.
- All Special Class Schedules will be detailed on the calendar. Some Special Schedule days will be listed as TBD, these will be noted on the calendar with the details we currently have available and will be updated as plans are finalized. Please also note that we will not be adding Special Schedules to the Main Academy Calendar as we have done in the past, so it's important you check the Class Schedule Calendar regularly to stay informed.
- Should anything change due to an unexpected class day off (Head of School Day, snow day, etc.), the calendar will be updated to reflect this change, so please check it often.

- To limit the volume of emails students and faculty receive, emails about changes to the Class Schedule Calendar will only be sent if the change is made with less than 48 hours notice, but we will always make a post to [the Student Bulletin](#).
- Please note that the Class Schedule Calendar only has events related to the Class Schedule, so you should continue to refer to the [Main Academy Calendar](#) and the [Academic Affairs Calendar](#) for other important events and deadlines, such as when grades are due/available.

The Class Schedule Calendar is an essential tool during the school year; it ensures that you arrive at the correct class, on the correct day, and at the correct time. **You should check the [Class Schedule Calendar](#) every Monday through Friday.**

What happens when we miss a class day due to an unexpected event like a Head of School Day, snow day, etc.? Do we continue following the projected alternating day schedule the next day, or does the disruption ripple throughout the rest of the term, changing the projected alternating day schedule?

When an unexpected class day is missed, we may employ a Special Schedule the next class day or we may continue to follow the projected alternating day class schedule. Be sure to check the [Class Schedule Calendar](#) and [the Student Bulletin](#) the afternoon of a cancelled class day to see the next class day's schedule.

Why are there bells ringing periodically during the class day?

This school year, we will continue to use bells during the class day. Bells ring at different times throughout the class day for different purposes to help students and faculty stay on time. Bells will sound for the following reasons:

- As a reminder that the class day is about to begin, a reminder bell will sound 5 minutes before the class day begins (generally at 8:25am)
- To signal the start of a period
- To signal the end of a period
- As a reminder a period is about to begin after a break between classes (e.g. at the end of Community Time, Lunch, School Meeting, etc.), a reminder bell will sound five minutes before the next period of the class day begins.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the class schedule?

Please email Ms. Hannah White in the Academic Affairs Office: hwhite@deerfield.edu.