



Tucson Unified School District #1

Santa Rita High School

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Dear parents, family and members of the community:

Recently, Arizona Revised Statue ARS 15-901 was amended, requiring a class to accumulate 300 minutes of instruction (60 minutes a day or any combination equaling 300 minutes a week per class). In addition, students must have a minimum of 1200 minutes a week (4 full classes) in order to receive funding as a full-time student.

Unfortunately, there are significant glitches and deficiencies defined by state law in our current bell schedule, resulting in lost revenue. Compounding our situation are several parameters not allowing flexibility. These include but are not limited to: bus schedule; start and end time of school; students attending college classes; students enrolled in CTE courses off campus; staffing; budget limitations; students working; and employee contracts.

The faculty, staff and administration at Santa Rita have developed a new bell schedule for the upcoming spring semester that meet the state statue for instructional minutes. Thank you for your student and parent input in regards to bell schedule options. Enclosed you will find the approved bell schedule for our spring semester (January 3 through May 23). Students who had a 7th period were seen by the counselors in regards to the student's choice of which elective to drop from their schedule. Our goal is to send students home with their spring schedule between December 14th-15th.

If you have any questions or concerns you may email me directly at Christopher.bonn@tusd1.org or call me at (520) 731-7504. I appreciate your patience, consideration, and commitment to the students at Santa Rita High School.

Sincerely,

Christopher Bonn Ed.D
Principal