

SECONDARY PROGRAM FOR 7-12  
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MEMORANDUM

October 9, 1990

TO: Dr. Webb

FROM: *RA* Ray Anderson

SUBJECT: Enrollment in Courses of H-B Woodlawn Students

You requested an analysis of the number of courses or credits taken by H-B Woodlawn students. I have followed the high school practice of considering a student fully scheduled when taking 7 credits; courses taken at the Career Center are often 2 credit courses, and count as 2 "courses".

When the School Board adopted the mandatory 7 period day for high school students, a group of our students presented Dr. Gosling with the statements of our Faculty, Parent Advisory Committee and the Town Meeting requesting that the 7 period day be optional at H-B Woodlawn. He supported this request, and the Board gave its assent.

Due to the alternative nature of H-B Woodlawn, you will find that the actual course (credit) enrollment at H-B Woodlawn varies more widely than at the high schools (from 5 to 9 courses). This is due to a variety of factors: students working in the community; students taking sports at their home schools, students with a heavy load of A.P. classes and students engaged in non-credit activities outside of the credit system. The Teacher-Advisor of each of the 15 seniors taking 5 courses has reviewed the schedule choice with the student. I can give you specific information on each of the 15 if desired.

Enrollment by Grade Level

- Grade 6: all students take 6 Core subjects (reading, math, science, health & PE, social studies and English).
- all students take 3 classes in the Humanities Team:
- a. Band or Orchestra; a foreign language for the year; a semester of Art & a semester of Keyboarding.
- \*OR\*
- b. a foreign language for a year; a semester of Art & a semester of Keyboarding; a semester of Drama & a semester of Music.

Grade 7: all students take 5 Core subjects (math, science, health & PE, social studies and English).

all students take 3 classes in the Humanities Team:

- a. Band or Orchestra; a foreign language for the year; a semester of Art & a semester of Keyboarding.

\*OR\*

- b. a foreign language for a year; a semester of Art & a semester of Keyboarding; a semester of Drama & a semester of Music.

Grade**	% taking 5 courses	% taking 6 courses	% taking 7 courses	% taking 8 courses	% taking 9 courses
8 (73)	0	17.8	60.3	20.5	1.4
9 (60)	0	43.3	45.0	11.7	0
10 (61)	0	39.3	45.9	11.5	3.3
11 (61)	0	54.1	37.7	6.6	1.6
12 (67)	22.4	47.7	23.9	6.0	0

\*\*The number indicates the actual schedules reviewed. A few schedules in grades 9-11 were incomplete in the computer due to schedule changes (a total of about 6 schedules).

Note that since about half of the 9-12th graders are taking 7 courses, the .50 staff we receive for the 7th period is less than the planning factor would allow, which would be about 1.5 positions.