

# Term Scheduling

## Fountain Hills High School



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# Overview

- 3 Terms vs. 2 Semesters
  - Each Class in each Term is .5 Credit
- Teachers Teach:
  - 4 Classes per term
- Students Attend 5 Classes per Term
  - Seniors Attend 3 Classes per Term



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	<b>Term 1 August-October</b>	<b>Term 2 November-February</b>	<b>Term 3 March-May</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	70 Minutes	70 Minutes	70 Minutes
<b>Period 2</b>	70 Minutes	70 Minutes	70 Minutes
<b>Period 3</b>	70 Minutes	70 Minutes	70 Minutes
<b>Lunch</b>	45	45	45
<b>Period 4</b>	70 Minutes	70 Minutes	70 Minutes
<b>Period 5</b>	70 Minutes	70 Minutes	70 Minutes
<b>Reteach</b>	50 Minutes	50 Minutes	50 Minutes
<b>Total Minutes</b>	400	400	400
	Classes Per Trimester	Classes Per Trimester	Classes Per Trimester
<b>Teachers</b>	4	4	4
<b>Students 9-11</b>	5	5	5
<b>Seniors</b>	3	3	3*

\*Seniors complete a senior project and/or internship for their final class.

<b>Term Scheduling</b>	<b>Classes Per Trimester 1</b>	<b>Classes Per Trimester 2</b>	<b>Classes Per Trimester 3</b>	<b>Total Classes</b>
<b>Teachers</b>	4	4	4	12
<b>Students 9-11</b>	5	5	5	15
<b>Seniors</b>	3	3	4*	10

\* Includes Senior Internship

<b>Semester Scheduling</b>	<b>Classes Per Semester 1</b>	<b>Classes Per Semester 2</b>	<b>Total Classes</b>
<b>Teachers</b>	5	5	10
<b>Students 9-11</b>	6	6	12
<b>Seniors</b>	4	4	8

# Advantages for Students

- Only need to keep up with 3-5 classes at a time
- Reduction in nightly homework
- More flexibility in selecting classes
- Time built in for teacher support before the school day
- Reteach built in to the schedule for students that need it
- Ability to take FHU courses
- Dismissal early enough for students to get to athletics and clubs
- Includes a senior project/internship
- More opportunities to accelerate in math and science
- Option to graduate in February and get a head start on college, career, or military



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# EVIT Students

- Morning 8:00 to 10:35 a.m.
- Semester: Students return at 11:00 a.m. and can only take two classes in the afternoon for a total of 2 FHHS credits
  - 3 credits from EVIT — 2 credits from FHHS = 5
    - Student needs summer school or online class
- Term Scheduling: Students return at 11:00 a.m. and have 40-45 minutes of period 2 for FHU classes, and two classes at the end of the day for 3 terms or 3 FHHS credits
  - 3 credits from EVIT — 3 credits from FHHS = 6
    - No summer school or online class needed, and overall, shorter day



# AP Students

- Most AP courses are all three terms
- Some are only offered in Term 2 & 3 to ensure they are in class at time of AP exam
- By not having class in Term 1, students will not have to retain material from Aug-October for an exam in May
- Students in AP Capstone can take Seminar and Research in Term 1 & 2 as there is no test in May; lessening the load of additional AP courses in Term 2 & 3
- With a two-year schedule, students can plan their AP courses in advance and have more opportunities to take additional courses



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# Advantages for Teachers

- Team prep and individual prep time
  - PLC time built in
- Less total contacts per grading term
- Less class preps per grading term
- Reteach time built in
- More opportunity for teachers to work individually with students during term
- More opportunity for teachers to lead initiatives with team prep
- Daily time to meet with parents
- Daily time to collaborate with other subject areas to increase project-based learning



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# Advantages for Parents

- Reteach time built in for students
- Students have less worry about with fewer classes to manage
- More selections for when to take classes
- More opportunities to advance quicker in math and science
- Provides relief for students who are overwhelmed in their young lives
- Dismissal early enough for students to hold jobs, play sports, and attend clubs
- More opportunities to retake classes
- More opportunities for tutoring, one-on-one assistance, and access to teachers for conferences



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