

Senior Flex Schedule

Goals and Purpose: We encourage students to take a rigorous schedule of courses during their senior year. All current research indicates that a student who does so is more successful at the college and university level. We also encourage seniors to prepare for more than the academic challenges coming in their post-secondary school lives. One of the greatest of these challenges for high school seniors is handling new freedoms and choices open to them after graduation.

To help seniors at Hamilton Southeastern High School prepare for the next stage of their lives, seniors have the option to experience some of this flexibility while still in the supportive environment of the high school setting. Seniors who take a rigorous schedule—equivalent to a full semester of college credit—will be given the option of reducing their course load by 1-3 classes. During the flex periods, seniors will make choices about the use of discretionary time, but they will be required to maintain academic proficiency, follow established procedures, and manage their flex time well.

If students choose to stay on school grounds during flex times, they have the option to use the Learning Commons in the College and Career Academy or another supervised area of the school. If they leave the school grounds, they must check in and out according to the established procedures.

To Qualify for Senior Flex Schedule:

- Students must meet all graduation qualifications.
- Students must take four or more in-house Hamilton Southeastern High School Advanced Placement and/or Dual Credit courses during the semester in which they have a flex schedule.
- Students must maintain academic proficiency in the Advanced Placement and/or Dual Credit courses. (Failure to maintain a C or higher in these courses will result in assignment to study halls until grades improve.)
- Students must follow all school policies and procedures or risk forfeit of this privilege.
- Parents must sign an agreement allowing students on a flex schedule to leave school grounds.

Scheduling:

- Seniors interested in a flex schedule should fill out the Intent to Apply form. Their guidance counselors will discuss this option with them at their scheduling appointment.
- The Hamilton Southeastern High School master schedule has been developed to accommodate the needs of all students at HSHS. Guidance counselors will not change schedules of individual seniors in order to qualify for a flex schedule, nor will counselors consolidate flex periods to allow for late arrival or early dismissal. For example, counselors will NOT:
 - Move a class from first semester to second semester in order to create the flex option
 - Move a class from one period to another period to allow late arrival, early dismissal, or grouped flex periods.

The Senior Flex Schedule is not required, nor is it a right. Students should work carefully with parents and their guidance counselors to determine if this schedule is in their best interest. School officials may revoke this privilege at any time if the student does not follow school policies or if the student is unable to handle the discretionary time or academic load.