

What is Extended Opportunity (EO)?

Purpose

Extended Opportunity (EO) is a new “academic consultation model” for our Advisory Program. The purpose is to **build self-efficacy skills** in our students. Beginning November 1st every Tuesday morning for 25 minutes, students and parents have the ability to visit any teacher for extra help, to answer questions or to get clarification on assignments. As staff members, we provide a “service guarantee” that every teacher will be in their classroom for this designated time and available for consultation/support. Attendance for students is strongly encouraged but not required.

Rationale for Change

Concerns raised in Community Council last year prompted the organization of an Advisory Task Force charged with reviewing our Advisory Program. Survey data collected from students, parents and teachers indicate overwhelming support for a change in focus from social emotional support (which was the intent of our original Advisory) to academic improvement. The Task Force identified “Extended Opportunity” (EO) as the only option they would collectively support.

Implications for Students

Every Tuesday morning from 8:10-8:35, students will have the opportunity to make an important choice. The choice is how to manage their time to meet their academic needs. Students attending EO must realize we are a “closed campus.” (Once you are here, you stay here). Busses will run at regular times on Tuesday morning therefore, should you ride the bus, your student is committing to utilize EO. Students have the freedom to visit teacher’s classrooms and move in between classrooms as necessary but no loitering in the halls. If students do not need help, they can sit in the cafeteria until the end of EO at 8:35am.

Implications for Parents

Parents are welcome to come to school during EO on Tuesday Morning from 8:10-8:35. Parents can choose to attend with or without their student and do not need to check into the office. A notice board will be in the commons area to identify absent teachers for that day. Parents are encouraged to keep conversations brief (2-4 minutes), avoid sensitive student information and focus on understanding academic assignments and expectations. Problems involving teachers should be resolved with a separate conference before or after school. School officially begins on Tuesday morning at 8:40am (please see attached bell schedule). If your student elects to not utilize EO, it will be your responsibility to transport your student to school. On Friday, we will still be on early our schedule with school concluding at 2:00pm.

A Final Word

Extended Opportunity (EO) is not a “late start” program. It is an “opportunity” that once realized can greatly benefit student’s academic learning. Families are strongly encouraged to discuss the EO concept, student academic goals/ expectations and areas of academic deficit in order to tailor EO to meet family needs. For additional information, you may find the following link useful.

<http://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/affective/efficacy.html>