

# Building

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# Blocks

The new block schedule tried the patience of students and teachers alike, and called for some serious adjustments in thinking and planning. At first, students seemed lost in the halls forgetting which schedule to follow (A or B), which homework to take to class, or sometimes even the day of the week.

Gradually the pieces came together. As the weeks passed, students and teachers learned to cope with the change.

Eventually the secondary building ran smoothly, and its occupants felt at home.

In late November the *Wildcat* staff conducted a poll asking students and teachers, "What do you think of the block schedule?" The response overwhelmingly favored the new format.

Although some negative comments were made, most respondents cited the value of longer class periods.

Mrs. Shelly Shackelford, Girl Scout troop leader, makes last minute adjustments to her daughter Lacy's Christmas Parade costume. In her role as computer science teacher 'Ms. Shack,' says of the block schedule, "I can teach a lesson and do the lab follow-up right after. As long as I plan a variety of activities to keep their interest, the time goes very quickly."

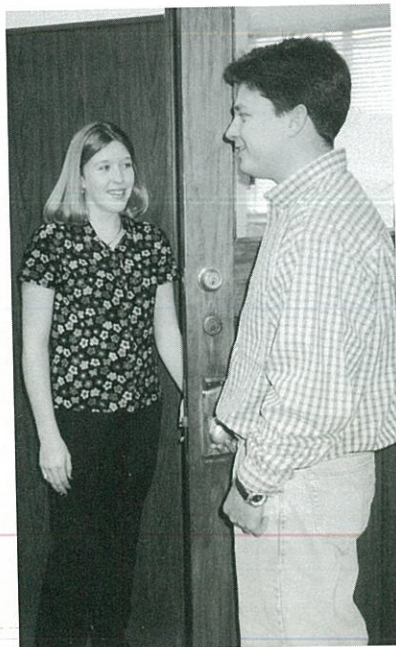


Junior Erin Wolf enjoys the new block schedule because she does not have to complete homework the day assigned. Instead, two days are allowed to finish assignments given.

"Sewing class is much easier on me and the students because we have time to make progress on the construction of the garments," said Mrs. Vonda Warren. "Sometimes it is hard to come up with creative assignments to capture the class's attention."

Since athletics takes up a lot of Jennifer Hawkins time. She said, "I think the block schedule is a great thing. I don't have as much homework and you get more time in class to work with the teacher."

8 Putting It All Together



## Yearbook Staff Poll: What do you think of the block schedule?



My grades, attendance, and interest in school has seemed to improve tremendously, and I attribute most of this to block scheduling.

ALETHA WEAVER  
SENIOR



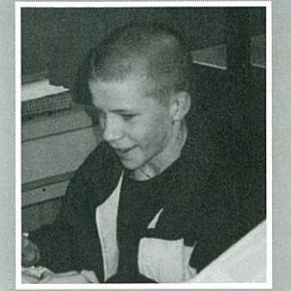
The block schedule is alright. It does not bother me that much. I might like the block schedule better by the end of the year. I just have to get used to it.

DORO MENDOZA  
JUNIOR



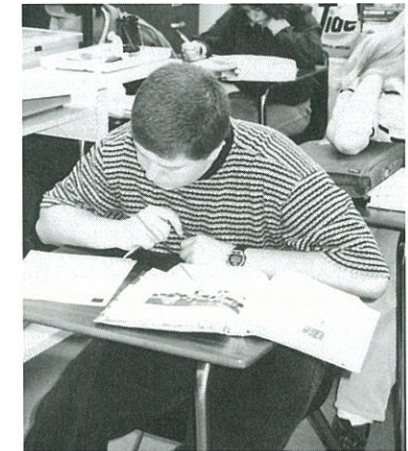
I like the block schedule, but I wish we had a short ten or fifteen minute break during each class. Then we could do away with activity period and have tutorials at 7:15 in the morning.

RYAN THOMAS  
SOPHOMORE



Yes, I prefer the block schedule. I hope it is not changed again next year because it will just be harder to adjust back.

DERRICK YORK  
FRESHMAN



Mr. Danny Thomas believes that the new schedule helps vocational classes. "In technology classes we have more quality work time. However some classes are too large and some are too small. The classes need to be averaged out."

Junior Michael Berta, does his homework during the extra time left in his class. "I like this schedule," said Michael. "If you're absent, you're only counted absent for four classes instead of eight."

Senior, Shawn Matthews, finds nothing bad about the block schedule. "The schedule has prepared me for what college life will be like next year."

The new block schedule allows students time to research on the computers in the library. Senior, Teo Jacquez uses his time wisely for this purpose.

