

*"Building a Strong Foundation in.....Academics, Character and Mindset!"*



## Viking Time and ISDF (Increase Success, Decrease Failure)

### **There are 3 purposes of Viking Time:**

- 1.) Viking Time is used to provide academic support for every student. Each teacher is assigned a group of students, each teacher assigned to a Viking Time will serve as an academic advisor for their students. Academic advisors will check grades, provide guidance, and assist in the overall success for each of their students. Academic advisors will help students develop a plan and establish goals for college and career as they transition through their secondary education into post secondary.
- 2.) Viking Time is used for clubs and activity meetings. These meetings support the overall success of our school clubs/activities programs. These activities bring pride to our community and impact the overall success of supporting a positive school culture.
- 3.) Viking Time is used to recognize the achievements of our students and develop positive teacher-student and student-student relationships.

### **Viking Time Schedule:**

#### **Monday-** (3:22-3:37)

Every student (9-12) reports to his or her Viking time teacher. On Mondays teachers will complete grade checks with ALL their VT students. No other club/activity meetings are held on Mondays.

#### **Tuesday, Wednesday-** (3:22-3:37)

These days are set aside for club/activity meetings. Teachers will use the Viking Time calendar to schedule their club/activity meetings. If you have Viking Time students who are on the failing list they should be in your Viking time and should not be attending the club or activity meeting.

#### **Thursday, Friday - ISDF (Increase Success, Decrease Failure)** (3:22-3:37)

The purpose of the "ISDF" period is to provide students who are struggling in academics the time, motivation, and support to improve their grades. The goal of ISDF is to increase student achievement and reduce the number of students failing academically.

How ISDF works: Every student who is failing 1 or more classes and is on the published failing list will report to ISDF on Thursday and Friday. Viking Time teachers will serve as the student's academic advisor and will provide academic support and guidance to their failing students. Viking Time teachers will ensure their students develop a plan to get off the failing list and will assist their students with accomplishing their plan to get off the failing list. Students will have access to all their teachers for extra assistance during this time.

Students who are not on the failing list are free to leave school, attend scheduled

club/activity meetings, or visit any teacher for help or make-up work.

- **Earn Your Way Out Policy**

Students who are on the failing list and must attend ISDF may “earn their way out” of ISDF if they can show their VikingTime teacher they are now passing all classes (if the Viking Time teacher is not there, the student must show the attendance clerk in the school office). For example, if a student finds out he or she is on the failing list on Monday. The student chooses to redo work or complete assignments that will raise their grade to passing and they can show their Viking Time teacher on PowerSchool that they are now passing all classes, the student may immediately be excused from Level 1 ISDF for the rest of the week. Before a student “earns their way out” the student must show their Viking time teacher their passing grades on their PowerSchool account. If a student does not show his or her Viking Time teacher they are passing and they are absent from ISDF, the student is considered truant and will serve detention time for their truancy.

Clubs/Organizations/Sports may have meetings on Thursday, however failing students are not allowed to attend club/activity meetings. Students must “earn their way out” in order to attend their club/activity meeting.

**First Two Weeks of the semester**

The failing list will be published after the first two weeks of the semester. During the first two weeks of the semester all students will report to their Viking Time. The first two weeks of each semester will be used for academic advising and relationship building activities. The counseling department will provide an academic advising and relationship building schedule for the first two weeks.

- 1st Semester- Aug 31st - first failing list published
- 2nd Semester- January 18th -first failing list published

