

Shhh... There's Tutoring Going On

Changes to Excel Schedule Affect Students, Teachers

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Teachers and administrators have recently decided to change tutoring times during students' Excel periods to maximize time for homework and extra help.

Students can go to tutoring on Wednesdays and Thursdays, or if they don't need help, they can work on schoolwork for the whole period. Assistant Principal Jim Campbell explains what he hopes to accomplish by implementing these changes.

"We chose to make this change to help students get more one-on-

one time with teachers, to give more time for kids to study, do work at school, and to minimize the amount of work at home," Campbell said.

Principal Dr. Mitchell and the administration explained this change by going around to classes.

Eighth grader Halle Krogstad likes the tutoring changes.

"I'm super busy after school, and it gives me the opportunity to get extra help," Krogstad said. "[I think they changed the tutoring because] they were probably getting complaints about homework, and complaints on how tutoring didn't

fit into student's schedules."

Though students didn't have a very big reaction to this change, some teachers have been awaiting this change for a while.

"I've been thinking about using the school day for [tutoring] for a long time because nobody uses the before and after school tutoring times," science teacher Brian Mahoney said. "I think students want to go to tutoring, but they lack time, so this is more efficient."

Wednesdays are dedicated to Spanish, science, and ELA while Thursdays are math and history. In order to be

allowed to go to tutoring, students will have to get their agendas stamped by that teacher. Some students don't go to tutoring often, but still believe this change will be effective.

"I like it because there wasn't much time to do homework with the old Excel," seventh grader David Findley said. "I think it will be better because you have more time to do tutoring, and you have two days to go in Excel."

If students don't need tutoring and their Excel teacher needs to tutor students, then they will have to go to the cafeteria for silent study hall. Students must have

work to do at all times. All grades are required to go to the cafeteria if their excel teacher has tutoring.

"I was surprised that everyone would go to the cafeteria at the same time," Krogstad said. "I think it is a good change because it helps prevent me from having homework, I can do it during the day."

Teachers believe this change was beneficial to everyone in the school.

"It was a lot harder to stay after school because [students] are involved in extracurriculars," Mahoney said. "It is easier to come during Excel and take advantage of it."