



Northern Cass Elementary Departmentalizing Initiative

Reason idea was explored: It gives teachers the opportunity to share their passions for a subject. Discussion has been held multiple times with the third, fourth, and fifth grade teacher teams. They are all in and ready to do this!

When? Starting in the fall of 2016

How would it look?*

Grade 5

- Hummel: Math Grade 5
- DTieman: Social Studies Grade 5
- Zieske: Science/Genius Hour/STEM/Typing
- Danielson: ELA Grade 5



Grade 4

- Hummel: Math Grade 4
- Mickelson: Science/Genius Hour/STEM/Typing
- DTieman: Social Studies Grade 4
- Smette: ELA Grade 4



Grade 3

- This would have a slightly different look/feel.
- Only 2 core subject switches throughout the day.
- Start and end the day in their home room.
- LTieman: ELA
- Bosse: Math
- Engelke: Language & Writing
- EVERYONE teaches Science, Social Studies, Art, and typing during Homeroom



*See sample schedule on the back of this handout.

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7 Benefits of Departmentalizing in Upper Elementary



1. Better prepares students for changing classes in middle school.
2. Teachers become "experts" in their field.
3. Students are exposed to the instructional styles of more than one teacher.
4. Students feel the day goes by more quickly.
5. Teachers have the opportunity to get to know all students in the grade.
6. Students have an opportunity to release energy.
7. Decrease in discipline problems.

Teaching Fourth

GRADE 4 & 5

ROUGH DRAFT	D.Tieman	Zieske	Danielson	Mickelson	Smette	Hummel	Specials (PE/Music/Lib)
8:35-9:20	Soc. St. 5A	STEAM 5B	ELA-gr/wr 5C	Science 4B	ELA-gr/wr 4C	Math 4A	
9:20-10:05	PREP	PREP	PREP	PREP	PREP	PREP	Grade 4 & 5 Specials
10:05-10:50	Soc. St. 4A	STEAM 5C	ELA-gr/wr 5B	Science 4C	ELA 4B	Math 5A	
10:50-11:35	Soc. St. 4B	STEAM 5A	ELA-rdg 5B	Science 4A	ELA-rdg 4C	Math 5C	
11:35-12:15	LUNCH/ RECESS	LUNCH/ RECESS	LUNCH/ RECESS	LUNCH/ RECESS	LUNCH/ RECESS	LUNCH/ RECESS	
12:15-12:45	WIN	WIN	WIN	WIN	WIN	WIN	
12:45-1:30	Soc. St. 5B	Science 5C	ELA-gr/wr 5A	STEAM 4B	ELA-rdg 4A	Math 4C	
1:30-2:15	Soc. St. 5C	Science 5B	ELA-rdg 5A	STEAM 4C	ELA-gr/wr 4A	Math 4B	
2:15-3:00	Soc. St. 4C	Science 5A	ELA-rdg 5C	STEAM 4A	ELA-rdg 4B	Math 5B	
3:00-3:25	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	

→ Counseling & Health to be scheduled in

→ ART 1x/wk incorporated into lessons

GRADE 3

ROUGH DRAFT	Engelke	D.Bosse	L.Tieman	Specials (PE/Music/Lib)
8:30-9:00	Opening/Planner HOMEROOM S1	Opening/Planner HOMEROOM S2	Opening/Planner HOMEROOM S3	
9:00-9:50	Language S1 & Writer'sWorkshop	Math S2	ELA S3	
9:55-10:45	Language S2 & Writer'sWorkshop	Math S3	ELA S1	
10:50-11:20	PREP	PREP	PREP	S1/S2/S3 into 2 groups
11:20-12:10	LUNCH/RECESS	LUNCH/RECESS	LUNCH/RECESS	
12:15-1:05	Language S3 & Writer'sWorkshop	Math S1	ELA S2	
1:10-1:40	WIN TIME	WIN TIME	WIN TIME	Library 1x/week
1:40-2:00	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	
2:00-2:20	Snack/Brainbreak	Snack/Brainbreak	Snack/Brainbreak	
2:25-3:15	HOMEROOM S1 Cursive/Sci/ SocSt/Typing	HOMEROOM S2 Cursive/Sci/ SocSt/Typing	HOMEROOM S3 Cursive/Sci/ SocSt/Typing	ART 1x/wk incorporated into lessons
3:15-3:25	Pack up/Closure	Pack up/Closure	Pack up/Closure	

START & END in HOMEROOM

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