



## International Studies Charter Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to thank you for your continued support in making the 2020-2021 school year as successful as possible for International Studies Charter School. As we navigated the opportunities and challenges presented by the pandemic, the feedback from our stakeholders, including parents, students, and teachers, has been a vital part of our decision-making process. Our ultimate goal is to meet the needs of our students to ensure their wellbeing and academic success.

Over the past weeks, it was brought to our attention that students (particularly those in Remote Live Instruction) are becoming increasingly fatigued by the length of their online classes. We spoke with students, teachers, and parents, and discovered that this is something felt by many in our school family. In response, we are updating our school's bell schedule to reduce the amount of daily screen time. The planned schedule is below; you will find that we have shortened the length of classes, introduced an independent work time, and brought back "Office Hours" at the end of each day. We hope this revision will help our students avoid "screen fatigue," while still offering targeted instruction and academic support. **This schedule will begin on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

"A" Days (1,3,5,7) Period	Time	Instructional Minutes
Teacher Arrival	6:55 – 7:25	30 Minutes
Student Arrival	7:30 – 7:50	20 Minutes
1	7:55 – 9:00	65 Minutes
3	9:10 – 10:15	65 Minutes
5	10:25 – 12:00	95 Minutes (Includes Lunch)
1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	10:25 – 10:55	30 Minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	11:30 – 12:00	30 Minutes
7	12:10 – 1:15	65 Minutes
Office Hour/Intervention (Period 1)	1:25 -2:30	65 Minutes

"B" Days (2,4,6) Period	Time	Instructional Minutes
Teacher Arrival	6:55 – 7:25	30 Minutes
Student Arrival	7:30 – 7:50	30 Minutes
2	7:55 – 9:00	65 Minutes
4	9:10 – 10:15	65 Minutes
6	10:25 – 12:00	95 Minutes (Includes Lunch)
1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	10:25 – 10:55	30 Minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	11:30 – 12:00	30 Minutes
Work Independently/Meetings (Period 2)	12:10 – 1:15	65 Minutes
Office Hour/Intervention (Period 4)	1:25 -2:30	65 Minutes



Both Brick-and-Mortar (BAM) and Remote Live Instruction (RLI) students will follow this schedule. BAM students must report to the assigned class periods as listed for their independent work and office hours blocks. RLI students are not required to report to a teacher for independent work, or to attend a teacher's office hours (unless they have been specifically advised to do so).

We look forward to finishing the second half of this school year reenergized and reinvigorated. While there are many uncertainties during these times, there is one thing we can count on: the assurance that, working together, our school family can overcome any obstacle. Again, thank you for your feedback, dedication, and support.

Sincerely,

*Victoriano Rodriguez*

Principal

