

Dear New Trier Winnetka Campus Families,

What an exciting first week of school! We are so happy to welcome students back to our campuses and feel the energy of a new school year.

As students begin settling into their classes, we want to make sure that every student has time to manage their academic and extracurricular lives. We know our students are highly engaged in many different activities and providing regular time within the school day will allow greater opportunities for them to access the support they need to be successful. One way this year's schedule is built to provide that support is through **Personalized Learning Time (PLT)**.

Starting next week, on most Anchor Days, students will have one or two 35-minute blocks of PLT instead of a particular core academic or elective class on that day. Academic and elective departments will rotate offering this time throughout the year.

For example, next week on Wednesday, August 31 (Anchor Day), students will have Personalized Learning Time in place of their *English* and *Applied Arts* classes

How can my student keep track of which classes are offering PLT?

The easiest way to keep track of which classes are offering PLT on a certain day is by using the New Trier Block Schedule app, which is automatically downloaded to all student iPads and can be accessed through the [App Store for Apple devices](#) or the [Google Play Store for Android devices](#). You can also search for "New Trier Block" in either app store.

How should students use their Personalized Learning Time?

Students and families should review the week in advance and create a plan for the best use of this time. On the Winnetka Campus, students can access resources including:

- Academic Assistance Center (Reading/Writing, Math, MCL)
- Test Make-Up Center
- Library quiet study or collaborative rooms
- Meet with a teacher for individualized or small group help
- Meet with adviser, Adviser Chair, PHSC, coach or sponsor
- Complete homework or group projects, read, or study
- Student Support Drop-In Center

Students will not be allowed to leave campus unless the PLT subject is at the end of the day.

What will teachers be doing during this time?

Teachers in the departments offering PLT will meet together for a full day of professional development. They will plan together on topics such as curriculum, technology, district initiatives, and best practices. Each department will have four of these days each school year.

Thank you,

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