

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break and are staying warm. Just heard there will be a warm up next week. One can only hope.

Here is the information on how the end of the first semester will be handled in regards to assessments, competency recovery days, and the start of semester 2 . Competency recovery days will be January 22nd and 23rd and will be dedicated to those students who need extra time with the curriculum. **All other days are regular school days and students will be taking exams during the regularly scheduled class time.**

1. All students will be taking a competency assessment exam in each and every class for the two weeks leading up to January 22nd and 23rd. There are no exam exemptions any longer. In the past, students could earn exemptions, however that has been removed due to the addition of competency recovery days. Here is the schedule;

**Competency Recovery Plan**

**2017-18**

**January 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
7	8 Blue Day	9 White Day	10 Blue Day  Science and World Language	11 White Day  Science and World Language	12 Blue Day  Early Release	13
14	15 No School	16 White Day  Social Studies, English, Art	17 Blue Day  Social Studies, English, Art	18 White Day  Business, FACS, Health, PE, Math, Tech	19 Blue Day  Business, FACS, Health, PE, Math, Te	20
21	22 White Day  Competency Recovery	23 Blue Day  Competency Recovery	24 White Day  1st Day Sem 2	25 Blue Day	26 White Day	27

For example, if your student has a math class, then he or she will take the math assessment during the regularly scheduled class time on the 18th or 19th. PHS has attempted to spread out the exams so the students can concentrate on specific assessments.

2. If after the final assessment a student's class average is below a 70, the student will be required to attend the competency recovery block for that course. Teachers will design specific assignments for each student to work on. If more time is needed students and teachers will work out a plan.

3. A teacher can require a student to attend the competency recovery day if the teacher feels the student is on a downward slide. For example, if a student had a 95 average but then started to slide and now has a 72 average, the teacher can require that student to attend the competency recovery time to work on the new material.

**COMPETENCY RECOVERY Schedule for January 22nd White Day 23rd Blue Day**

WHITE DAY		BLUE DAY	
Block	Time	Block	Time
1	7:35-8:35 (60 min)	1	7:35-8:35 (60 min)
2	8:40-9:40 (60 min)	2	8:40-9:40 (60 min)
3	9:45-10:45 (60 min)	3	9:45-10:45 (60 min)
4	10:50-11:50 (60 min)	4	10:50-11:50 (60 min)
Lunch	Grab + Go Lunch	Lunch	Grab + Go Lunch
Additional Time If necessary	1:00-2:26 (86 min)	Additional Time If necessary	1:00-2:26 (86 min)

4. If your student has a 70 average or above in all of his or her classes and they have not been asked to come to the competency recovery day by their teacher, then they do not have to attend the competency recovery days. This would be a great time to get some community service hours in. For a list of community service hours please refer to the emails received from Ms Koravos.

5. This plan is designed to use the competency recovery days for those students who require additional time to work on specific competencies. This plan is not a punishment, it is designed to give students who are struggling another opportunity to be successful.

**6. Your student's teacher(s) will notify you if they will be required to attend the competency recovery block.**

7. Transportation on the competency recovery days will be normal pick up and drop off in the morning and for the afternoon any student still here will catch a bus at 2:00pm that will bring them to the PMS to board the bus for normal drop off.

I understand that this is a change but together we will work out the issues. The objective is to give every student the opportunity to be successful. As always if you have questions, please email me at [gdempsey@pelhamsd.org](mailto:gdempsey@pelhamsd.org) or call 635-2115.

#Pelham Proud Principal,

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