

## **HS Trimester System Virtual Learning Academy Schedule**

### **Rationale for Trimester Schedule:**

- In a Trimester schedule, students may take 4 or 5 classes each Trimester and be able to meet the credit requirements for graduation.
- Some students choose to take an “Off Roll” as one of their Time Blocks. When Off Roll, a student is not assigned a class or credit. So, why do some students choose an Off Roll? Some students take an Off Roll to be able to focus on three classes instead of four classes. As many students may participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, theatre arts, or pursue other passions, some students may choose Off Roll as an option for additional dedicated time.
- Another important benefit of a Trimester schedule is if a student needs to retake a class, due to earning a D or F. It is still possible for the student to remain on-track to graduate on-time. Students can take additional classes to support their learning or accelerate their learning.

### **Key Trimester Schedule Features:**

#### **Teaching and Learning**

- More learning time for students by organizing into daily 65 minute Periods.
- Live in-person instruction and recorded/posted for students to review mini-lessons
- Pre-recorded (flipped) lessons for students to view before classroom discussions.
- Small group, differentiated instruction based on academic needs
- Science Labs may be offered on campus with physical distancing
- Testing Centers may be offered on campus with physical distancing
- Special Education will be based on the student’s IEP in the VLA.
- 504 Plan and accommodations will be based on the student’s 504 Plan in VLA.
- English Learner and additional help or acceleration to occur during the class periods.
- Possible Tutorials and Office Hours for student supports

#### **Teacher Collaboration**

- Teachers will have time to collaborate and communicate with their team of teachers, counselors, Education Specialists, para educators.
- Teachers will have time for PLCs and professional learning during ProGrowth Days.

#### **Feedback and Assessment**

- Regular feedback to students via rubrics, coaching, support student’s goal setting
- Proactively invite students to Office Hours/RTI/Tutorials
- Students will receive progress notices mid way through each trimester.
- Finals grades will be issued at the end of each Trimester
- Students earn letter grades, citizenship and work habit marks

#### **Other Features:**

- Partner with families to support students during Office Hours-possibly through phone calls, emails, telecommuting.
- Teachers will have a daily 65 minute prep and a 30 minute duty free lunch.
- Transition times are built in to support students and staff in between class periods.

**Sample Schedule Breakdown:**

Home Room	15
Period 1	65
Transition	5
Period 2	65
Break	10
Transition	5
Period 3	65
Transition	5
Period 4	65
Lunch	30
Transition	5
Period 5	65
Transition	5
Office Hours/Tutorial	15
Total	7

<b>Pro Growth</b>	60
Transition	5
P1	60
Transition	5
P2	60
Break	10
P3	60
Lunch	30
Transition	5
Period 4	60
Transition	5
Period 5	60
Total	7

**“Sample” Virtual LA Student Class Schedule  
(5 Period Day)**

**Sample 1: HS Class Period (65 minute class period)**

- 8:00 - 8:10: Digital review of prior knowledge (online activity assigned through digital tool)  
8:10 - 8:30: Live Mini-Lesson (In-Person via Zoom)  
8:30 - 8:50: Collaborative Group Work  
OR Students complete digital independent practice of concepts  
8:50 - 9:05: Digital post-assessment (online activity assigned through digital tool)  
Homework: Students complete self-paced work OR pre-recorded lesson for flipped classroom/discussion

**Sample 2: HS Sample Class Period (65 minute class period)**

- 8:00 - 8:10: Live (In-Person via Zoom) student connecting activity  
8:10 - 8:30: Live (In-Person via Zoom) Small-Group Lesson(s) based on assessment data  
OR  
8:30 - 8:50: Collaborative group work OR digital independent practice (when not in small group with teacher)  
8:50 - 9:05: Live (In-Person via Zoom) or Pre-recorded digital closure activity  
Homework: Students complete self-paced work OR pre-recorded lesson