



Fifth Block of Instruction Fact Sheet

Fifth Block of Instruction is a voluntary program for students who have shown academic growth during the school year and who could benefit most from additional learning time.

- Fifth block will provide 23 additional days of instruction at the end of the school year for students who have shown academic growth and need more time to become proficient.
- Fifth block will be offered from May 24 to June 24 for the 2010-11 school year.
- Fifth block will help prepare high school students for college by providing additional academic support to ensure students are able to meet grade-level standards.
- Fifth block will also benefit elementary and middle school students in the long run by increasing their math and literacy (reading and writing) proficiency levels.
- Fifth block is for students who have had continuous enrollment in APS for at least one year (March 2010 to March 2011), consistent attendance and overall good behavior.
- School Staff will notify parents of eligible students by March 1, 2011.
- Students in this program will have a summer break of five weeks.
- Fifth block does not replace summer programs. This fifth block of instruction complements the interventions and summer programs already in place.
- In most cases, students will be taught in their own schools using the district curriculum. Every school will offer 5.5 hours of full-day instruction as well as a lunch period.
- Classes will be offered in math and literacy. Science and social studies will be apart of this instruction.
- Transportation, breakfast/lunch and nursing services will be made available to students.