# H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program

Information Session December 2023



# H-B Woodlawn Philosophy

#### 4 Pillars

- Self Governance
- Self-Directed Learning
- Caring Community
- Equity



#### Self-Governance

- Town Meeting:

   Held weekly.
   Students are treated equally with adults.
- Use of Time/Personal Behavior
  - With freedom comes responsibility (rights and responsibilities)
  - Accountable for the consequences of their actions
  - Incrementally increasing freedom and expectations of responsibility



#### Self-Directed Learning

- Designed to provide our students with more control over their education.
- Easiest to take advantage of the freedom and choice at HBW if students are self-motivated and selfdirected.
- Opportunities increase incrementally.
- FebFest student-led workshops.
- Junetime at end of school year, multi-day workshops.







Caring Community

- Small size
- Teacher Advisor system (student choice)
- Student-teacher relationships
- HIVE
- Best Buddies and Shriver Program



#### Equity

- More purposeful than "once-a-year" festivals.
- Deliberate bi-weekly conversations about race, ethnicity, gender, religion and how all of our differences make us important parts of the larger community.
- Addresses inequity, discrimination, bullying.







# Typical 6<sup>th</sup> grade day

- Majority of students ride the bus
- Students have core classes in the morning (same 5 core classes as other schools)
  - Heterogeneous grouping except for math
- Lunch (where they choose, "recess")
- Elective courses (PE, Drama, Art, Music, World Language)
  - Latin, French, Spanish (Chinese and Arabic in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, ASL in 8th)
- Courses only meet 4x per week
- Back on the bus



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 to 9:48	A	I	A	A	A
9:53 to 10:41	В	В	В	TM or Equity	В
10:46 to 11:34	С	D	С	С	С
11:34 to 12:14	LUNCH				
12:14 to 1:02	D	Е	Е	D	D
1:07 to 1:55	F	F	F	Е	Е
1:55 to 2:09	I	TA	I	TA	I
2:09 to 2:57	G	G	G	F	G
3:02 to 3:50	Н	Н	TA	Н	н

## 2023-24 Schedule

- Classes meet 4 times per week
- I block meets 4 times per week
- TA meets 3 times per week
- Town Meeting (TM) and Equity alternate weekly

# Typical 9<sup>th</sup> grade day

- Vast majority of students take the bus – countywide busing is provided
- Seven blocks per day (48 minutes each)
- Town Meeting (2x per month)
- TA (3x per week)
- "I" Block (4x per week)
- Equity & Community block (2x per month)
- 1 lunch period, school-wide (open campus with parent permission)

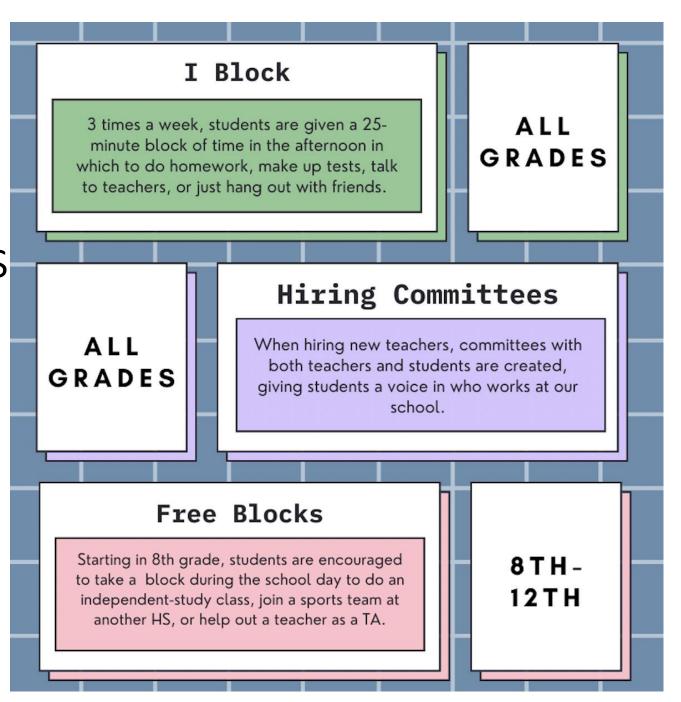


#### Other Differences

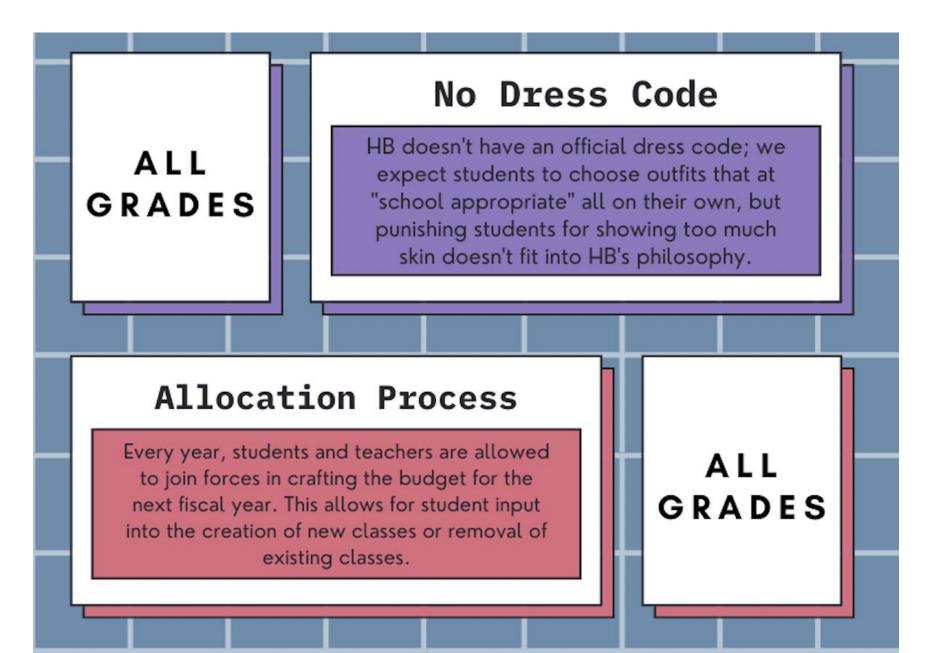
- Few after school activities (ultimate frisbee, but few if any clubs after school)
- CAN play high school sports
- Can NOT play middle school sports
- No "continuous adult supervision." Students must manage themselves and their time
- Off campus privileges



Even more differences



#### Other Features



# The Heights Building: Our New Home

- H-B Woodlawn and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Program moved to our new building in Rosslyn on Wilson Boulevard in September 2019.
- On-site parking with artificial turf field is being constructed now.
   Expected to be complete in January 2025.
- Building relationships with area businesses.
- Public transit close by.





#### FROM A HOLE IN THE GROUND TO ....

Artificial turf field with raised seating Covered walkway to Shriver Program



## **Application Process**

- Submit application online via SCHOOLMINT by 4:00 pm January 12
- Double blind lottery on January 22
- Notification January 29 (by 8 pm)
- Preassigned admitted student visits on January 31 or February 1 (see HBW website for specifics)
- Make a decision in SCHOOLMINT
   <u>and</u> return paperwork to HBW by February
   5 (by 11:59 pm)



## Gather Information

- Gather information in as many ways as possible
- Tonight's information session
- Talk with other people in the community with experiences at HBW
- Have your student spend the day after being accepted through the lottery
- Talk with your student about the experience
- Attend the admitted parents' meeting
- Make sure HBW is the right fit for your student



#### Application Site (Schoolmint)



### Questions?

Casey Robinson – Principal

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