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## Mountain Time FAQ

1. What is Mountain Time?

Mountain Time is a 30-minute period of time separate of lunch designed to give students time in school to get help, complete homework, make up work, or redo quizzes, test, and assignments. Our teachers supervise tutorials, study halls, and work sessions for students.

2. What if my student doesn't have any work they need to complete?

There are clubs available during this time for students who are caught up on all their work. These include Chess Club, Gardening Club, WEB, Sparrow Club, and many more.

3. How does this fit in with Standards-Based Grading?

Part of our Standards-Based Grading system is allowing students to learn from their mistakes and having their grade reflect that learning. In order for this to occur, we allow students to fix mistakes in their papers, take alternate versions of quizzes/tests, and redo assignments. However, this is not done in class as teachers have plenty of material to cover. Mountain Time presents time in the school day to complete these tasks and students receive support from their teachers while they do.

4. What are my student's responsibilities during Mountain Time?

Students are required to sign up on their iPads or a computer for a tutorial or club in advance of Mountain Time. When the bell rings for Mountain Time, they are to check in with an advisory teacher for attendance and then head to their selected class. Students are expected to place academics first and attend the Mountain Time that best suits their academic need.

5. Does Mountain Time take away instructional minutes during the week?

No. We have integrated a block schedule on Wednesday and Thursday that puts our weekly instructional minutes on par with our previous schedule.

6. What can parents do to support their students using Mountain Time?

If you know your student has missed school, is behind, performed poorly on an exam, or is just struggling in a class, you can encourage them to sign up for a Mountain Time that addresses that concern. If students know you support them going to Mountain Time for academic support, they will be more likely to sign up.