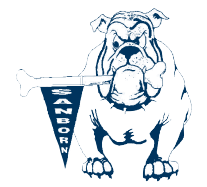


Expanded Learning Time Planning Grant



Sanborn School has been awarded an Expanded Learning Time Planning Grant

Over the next year, Sanborn along with five other elementary schools and one middle school, will be gathering information from many sources in our community to determine if Andover students and teachers can benefit by this innovative way of designing the new schools of tomorrow. An additional 300 hours to the school year will be creatively designed and implemented keeping in mind that expanded core academics, expanded enrichment, and professional development for teachers must be included.

(Please see the next page for an example of an expanded learning day at Jacob Hiatt Magnet School)

The **Expanded Learning Time (ELT) Initiative of Massachusetts** is the opportunity to design an expanded school schedule to offer students and staff new learning and enrichment opportunities. The vision of the ELT Initiative is to reshape the Massachusetts school calendar and provide all students with a well-rounded education that prepares them for full engagement and participation in the economic and civic life of our 21st century global society.

Funding for the Expanded Learning Time will come from sources NOT associated with our current school district budget. Monies will come from the Department of Education which has already awarded Expanded Learning Grants to several schools in the state that have been operating on the new expanded school schedule for the last 18 months. These schools have experienced a measurable increase in academic progress among their student population, as well as a significant increase in MCAS performance. Although Andover already has a reputation of exceeding State requirements, it is important to keep in mind that the expectations of our students beyond high school, are more demanding than ever. Often it is said that students are bombarded with information, but are not given the time to really learn or explore a concept beyond its initial introduction.

- Expanded Learning Time can provide for expansion of knowledge by allowing more time in the day to complete a project, finish a story, or do an extra experiment to prove the result.
- It allows for extra enrichment time to be brought in by groups in our community, the opportunity for students to have homework help at school, for teachers to have more time for professional development and classroom preparation.
- Expanded Learning Time will be designed to maximize positive results for our students, and will be put together by a team of administrators, teachers, parents and community groups.

In order for Sanborn to bring the views of this community to the table, it is important for the questions that are on your mind to be answered, for your ideas to be presented, and your concerns to be heard. Please keep in mind, that this initiative is still at the exploratory stages and there will be many opportunities to have your voice heard.

Please join the Sanborn Expanded Learning Time Team for an evening to explain the grant process, share ideas, brainstorm, and answer questions that are currently on your mind.

**Thursday, April 17th, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.
Sanborn Elementary School**

Sample School Day

A day at Jacob Hiatt Magnet School

Before ELT

9:00 – 9:45 (45 min)

Morning meeting

9:45 – 10:30 (45 min)

Literacy

10:30 – 11:15 (45 min)

Music

11:15 – 12:00 (45 min)

Math

Staggered Lunch 11:15 - 12:45

12:00 – 12:45 (45 min)

Math

12:45 – 1:30 (45 min)

Writing Center/Social Studies

1:30 – 2:15 (45 min)

Science

2:15 – 3:00 (45 min)

Homeroom

After ELT

7:45 – 8:00 (15 min)

Independent Daily Reading

8:00 – 10:00 (120 min)

Literacy Block

10 minute Recess

10:10 – 11:40 (90 min)

Math

11:40 – 12:10 (30 min)

Lunch

12:10 – 12:40 (30 min)

Writers Workshop

12:40 – 1:10 (30 min)

Enrichments

1:10 – 2:00 (50 min)

Science

10 minute Recess

2:15 – 2:55 (45 min)

Additional Academics

2:55 – 3:35 (40 min)

Homework Help/Tutoring/Enrichments