

THE AMAZING PLACE

ROUTE INFO



Given your own school's resources, community and staff, what opportunities exist to offer specialized classes/programs in your Flex Program?

ROUTE INFO...

What specialized programs or classes could you offer in your Flex Program? What direction could you go?

- At MMM, although we offer a variety of Flex options for students to choose from, we plan to improve our offerings of specialized classes and programs.
- Currently we offer course extension by providing AP courses in Flex. We have guest speakers almost daily and have used Flex block to engage in some social justice activities. Our goal is to extend these into programs involving community centres, rather than isolated experiences.
- We envision having a Success Centre, a Testing Centre, and other options that would accommodate students needing remediation and enrichment opportunities.

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DETOUR



You have a daily Flex program in place but some of your staff are saying that there isn't enough time to deliver curriculum and they would like to do away with daily Flex.

DETOUR...

Discuss the pros and cons of offering daily Flex block. Which direction will your school go?

- At MMM, we believe that learning goes beyond curriculum and the learning that occurs in Flex Block is equally as important as other subject areas.
- Instructional practices can be shifted to best meet the needs of the students in the classroom. Department meetings focus on developing and sharing these practices to best make use of classroom time.
- The very fact that students have choice with their learning in Flex is a valuable exercise of learning in itself.
- Flex Block serves to support curricular learning, both directly and indirectly.

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ROAD BLOCK



Your school is interested in offering Teacher Advisor, Learning Strategies and Flex Programs.

ROADBLOCK...

Your Administrative Team is challenged in ways to facilitate implementation of TA, LS and Flex Programs. How can you overcome this roadblock?

- At MMM, Admin has provided funding for a coordinator for LS and TA Programs as well as a coordinator for the Flex Program.
- They have also provided time in the schedule for Teacher Advisors to interview Advisees and plan Flex Blocks.
- The Admin at MMM have established an ongoing relationship with IT to develop and improve PowerSchool as a tool for Flex.
- MMM has joined a community of schools with a similar vision of providing students opportunities to direct their learning (CCSDL), and have accessed professional development and resources from these coalition schools.
- Admin at MMM have provided and funded professional development.