

## **Elementary Modern Language and Collaboration Possibilities**

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The Raymore-Peculiar School District Strategic Plan process outlines focus areas, strategies and actions steps to follow as a means to achieve overall organizational excellence. Action Step 1.2.2: Expand STEAM co-curricular opportunities throughout all grade levels - e.g. Robotics, Orchestra/Strings, Engineering Design, Culinary Arts, World Languages was listed under Strategy 1.2: Expand STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) opportunities for all students. The draft plan below addresses a possible expansion opportunity in the area of modern languages.

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. Allow students to experience Modern Language**
- 2. Extend collaboration time for teachers**

#### **Option 1-Extend Collaboration/Plan Time with 3.5 Modern Language Teachers**

- Hire 3.5 Modern Language Teachers (Estimated Staffing Cost \$192,500)
- Students in Grades 2-5 experience modern language every 4th day for 35 min
- DLT and LMS would alternate with Modern Language teachers as part of the “fourth prong” of the daily specials rotation when that language teacher travels
- Extend core teacher collaboration/plan time by 15 minutes daily (75 min weekly) resulting in a daily 70 minute block
- Move to block schedule with A and B days for Grades 2-5 students and teachers
- K-1 students maintain a 3-day rotation with 45 min Specials class and a Specials teacher covers 1 recess daily to provide teachers the additional 25 minutes of collaboration/plan time.

#### **Option 2-Expanded Technology, Library, Counselor “TLC” schedule**

- Technology, Library, and Counseling lesson times strategically scheduled consecutively to allow core teachers an opportunity for extended collaboration every other week
- This TLC rotation constitutes 3/10 of the Librarian, Counselor and DLT’s weekly schedule
- Special rotation/Teacher collaboration and plan time remain the same (50 min K-1 and 55 at Gr 2-5; plus recess aide coverage on a rotation basis)
- Extend core teacher collaboration/plan time by 70-90 minutes every other week
- No modern language offering in this model

*Optional Version: Only include two of these three groups in the expanded collaboration schedule (e.g. Just DLT and librarian or just Librarian and Counselor for a 70 minute extended collab for teachers every other week.)*