



# Morris Hills High School



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Dear Morris Hills High School Community,

As hard as it is to believe, we have entered the home stretch of the 2023 - 2024 school year. As we look forward to warmer days and the summer, I would like to review with you the end of the year schedule.

Please find below the 4th Marking Period Common Assessment Schedule.

Wednesday, June 5th	A – Day	Blocks 1 & 3
Thursday, June 6th	B– Day	Blocks 5 & 7
Friday, June 7th	A – Day	Blocks 2 & 4
Monday, June 10th	B– Day	Blocks 6 & 8
Tuesday, June 11th	A – Day	Make-up Day # 1
Wednesday, June 12th	B – Day	Make-up Day # 2

The common assessment bell schedule will be as follows:

7:18AM – 8:00AM	Z-Block
8:00AM – 8:05AM	Passing Time
8:05AM – 10:05AM	Common Assessment # 1
10:05AM – 10:25AM	Break
10:25AM – 10:30AM	Passing Time
10:30AM – 12:30PM	Common Assessment # 2

Those students who do not have a common assessment on the scheduled date and time are not required to be present in school. The cafeteria will, nonetheless, be open to receive any student in attendance during the common assessment period.

The schedule for Tuesday, June 11th and Wednesday, June 12th will be as follows:

7:18AM – 8:00AM	Z-Block
8:05AM – 9:05AM	Block 1/5
9:09AM – 10:09AM	Block 2/6
10:13AM – 11:13AM	Block 3/7 (no lunches)
11:17AM – 12:17PM	Block 4/8

The expectation is that students will be present in school on Tuesday, June 11th and Wednesday, June 12th. These days will allow teachers to review the 4th quarter common assessment results with their students.

Any student who is absent from a common assessment will be required to make-up the common assessment on the respective make-up days. Only emergency excusals will be considered. Planned absences for family vacations do not fall within the emergency excusal policy and will not be approved.

### **Fourth Quarter Common Assessment Exemption Policy**

Seniors who earn an overall unweighted course average of 90 or higher (including common assessment, with no one marking period grade below 85) can be exempt from 4th quarter common assessment. Seniors cannot be exempted from a project-based common assessment. Students who choose the 4th quarter exemption should be aware that the average of their first two common assessments will count toward 20% of their final grade average. Students may opt to take any 4th quarter common assessment even when exempt.

To clarify, marking period grade below an 85 **does not include common assessment grades.**

For example, if a student has a 93 average and receives an 84 on common assessment # 2, he or she would be exempt from the 4th marking period common assessment.

### **Points to Remember**

4th marking period common assessment is worth 8% of a student's final grade in the course.

All common assessments are 100% common across the district by course.

As per the common assessment schedule, students will take no more than two common assessments per day.

If a student is absent, he or she must submit a doctor's note or emergency excusal documentation to the School Counseling Supervisor or the Principal for approval prior to making up the exam. Only emergency excusals will be considered.

Any student who is found to be in possession of a cell phone or any other electronic device will receive a zero on his or her common assessment.

No other major assignments or assessments should be assigned during the common assessment. The goal is for our students to focus on their common assessments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

In the Spirit of Partnership,



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Principal