

# What is Patriot Plus?

Patriot Plus is a program our staff will pilot at Heritage High School in order to meet the specific needs of students in a timely manner. The Patriot Plus sessions will take place during the school day and will require slight modifications to the current bell schedule.

Staff will work together to develop sessions for students based on classroom observations, formative and summative assessments, student academic progress and post secondary goals. In many instances, teachers will place students into appropriate sessions based on student needs. Students will also have the ability to place themselves into sessions as they see fit.



Schools need to answer the question:

### What do we do when our students don't learn?

While teachers grapple with this question on an individual basis in their classrooms, schools as institutions, need to consider the question as well.

Heritage High School is paving the way with its Patriot Plus Program to provide flexible, timely sessions during the school day to ensure learning is our priority.



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Introducing...

## Patriot Plus



A flexible program to meet the needs of our students in a timely manner!



Tutorial

Enrichment

Make Up Work



## Why do we need Patriot Plus?

Patriot Plus is good for students. Struggling students often need extra access to their teachers for additional instruction. Frequently, students need to make up a quiz or a project that requires materials in the classroom. Students who are doing well in their classes can use the Patriot Plus sessions to get a head start on homework, attend an enrichment workshop, or meet with a club they have joined.

Patriot Plus is good for families. Parents often have to change family schedules in order to pick up a student who stays after school for help. Patriot Plus will help alleviate the need to rearrange daily routines as it is held during the course of the school day.

Patriot Plus is good for teachers. Teachers can design sessions to meet the needs of their students and place students in those sessions. Teachers can intervene in a timely fashion when a student's grade is slipping. Teachers can work with smaller groups of students in order to target specific needs. For example, many students need help with essays for college acceptance and a workshop offered during Patriot Plus could target that specific demand.

Patriot Plus is good for the school community. The staff at Heritage High School believes collaborative teamwork and interdependence among teachers, support staff and administrators is a great way to continuously improve our school.

#### Q&A

### How many Patriot Plus sessions will be offered a week?

Two sessions per week, each session will last thirty minutes.

#### How will my student know what Patriot Plus session to attend?

Teachers will assign sessions and inform students. Students will have access to a login screen via the school website to see what session(s) they have been assigned. Students will be able to sign up for sessions they want to attend if a teacher has not already placed a student in a session.

#### What kind of sessions will be offered?

Homework help for each subject.

Make-up labs for each subject.

**Enrichment activities** 

Instructional: Re-teaching concepts

**Study Groups** 

#### When will Patriot Plus start?

July 2014/15. The professional development team has been working diligently with all stake holders to create an effective and flexible program to improve student learning and meet the needs of a diverse student body.