



# Middle School Year-Round Question & Answer

	Question	Answer
<b>The Basics</b>		
1	Are "Year-Round" schools really year round?	No. A year-round school operates on a balanced calendar. Students attend school the same number of days as traditional calendar students with shorter and more frequent breaks.
2	Where will the program be located?	Rolland-Warner Middle School. The program will operate as a "team" within the school at Rolland-Warner. Rolland-Warner will continue to also operate a traditional team model on the regular calendar.
3	Will there be added costs to the district to run the year round program?	The additional costs to run the program are minimal. Transportation is already running on this schedule for the students at Turrill Elementary. Rolland-Warner houses many other programs throughout the summer including Kids & Company and summer school. Many support staff members are already in the building, which is already being cooled during that time. Some limited additional cost will be needed for transfer buses and additional days for some staff members.
4	Will there be enough space for year-round teacher teams?	There is more than enough space to house the year-round program at Rolland-Warner. Currently, Rolland-Warner has a slightly smaller student population than Zemmer. Future consideration for relocating the Kids & Company programs would provide even further space.
<b>Transportation</b>		
5	Will transportation be provided from anywhere in the district?	Yes.
6	How will the transportation system work during the year-round and traditional schedule sessions?	Transportation systems will ONLY be different when school is operating in year-round session solely. When only year-round students are in session, all year-round students will be transported together to and from school. When year round and traditional calendars are operating together, normal middle school routes will run. If you are a year round student, and Zemmer is your "home" school, you will be transported to Zemmer and then shuttled to RW for the year round program.
7	How does it work with different age students riding on the same bus?	The structure is already in place for Turrill year-round students, and has proven to be working very well. Children are separated on the bus by age. As this system is already in place for the afternoon middle school run, middle school student's serve as bus buddies for elementary students.
<b>Program</b>		
8	Will my child have access to the same core academic and specialized curriculum options as students on the traditional schedule?	Yes. Students will retain those options as well as additional opportunities for enrichment and support. Some aspects of the electives, support and advanced curriculum will be designed based on the needs and interest of the student population.
9	Will my child participate in elective courses with traditional calendar students such as band and choir?	Yes.
10	Will the year-round team remain together during core classes?	Year round students will be placed on the same "team" for core classes. Students may be regrouped within the team based on the content area and academic need.

11	Will my child change classes and be in the halls as the same time as traditional students?	Yes.
12	Won't the addition of team based teachers for year-round students mean additional staff for these programs (and cost) and increased scheduling complexity?	The same number of teachers will be used to provide instruction for the same number of students. We will not be adding or reducing teachers as a direct result of the implementation of this program, rather we will be shifting existing teachers from the traditional calendars to the year-round. The combination of schedules will add complexity to the development of the schedule. However, the academic benefits and opportunities provide additional parent choice, and far outweigh the added complexity of developing the schedule.
<b>Extra-Curricular</b>		
13	Will my child still be able to participate in extra-curricular activities?	Yes. Student will have access to all clubs, athletics, leadership opportunities and trip experiences such as Washington DC.
14	Athletic practices and games, how will students on the year-round schedule be able to participate? Please share your plan for participation during intersession weeks?	The basic difference between the year-round and the traditional calendar is four extra weeks in August which are then scheduled off at four different times throughout the school year. The majority of the two calendars are in alignment. Although most extracurricular will remain scheduled on the traditional calendar, except for the three weeks during the school year when classes are not scheduled, year-round students will be in attendance. However, since this is not always possible, non-attending student will still be able to attend just as several athletic teams do today during breaks. We are working on different options to provide transportation to activities when possible.
15	Will my child still be able to participate in school events with traditional calendar students (ie. dances, assemblies, information nights, honors nights, etc.)	Yes. When possible, activities and events will avoid being scheduled during non-scheduled instructional times for year-round students.
<b>Other</b>		
16	Is this calendar going to be considered at the high school level? If no, why not?	We are committed to offering choice and options to our families. If interest in the schedule continues to suggest that families would be interested and support a year-round option at the high school level, we will give the idea further consideration.