

Tamanawis Secondary - Quick Facts

At School

Bell Schedule (Monday - Thursday)	
8:35 - 9:55	First Class
10:00 - 11:30	Second Class
11:30 - 12:10	Lunch
12:15 - 1:35	Third Class
1:40 - 3:00	Last Class

Bell Schedule (Friday)	
8:35 - 9:45	First Class
9:50 - 11:00	Second Class
11:00 - 11:45	Lunch
11:45 - 12:55	Third Class
1:00 - 2:10	Last Class

Bell Schedule (PLC Wednesday)	
9:25 - 10:35	First Class
10:40 - 11:50	Second Class
11:50 - 12:35	Lunch
12:35 - 1:45	Third Class
1:50 - 3:00	Last Class

- There are two semesters in a school year
 - September to January, February to June
- A student takes four courses each semester (a total of 8 in a year)
- Each course is worth 4 credits. To earn that credit, students must successfully pass the course.
- In order to graduate, a student needs to earn 80 credits.
 - Graduation credits start in Grade 10
- In addition to other required courses, students **MUST pass Social Studies 10 and 11 and English 10, 11 and 12 in order to graduate successfully.**
 - Student's English Language Levels must be high enough before they are placed in these classes so that they are not overwhelmed and will most likely find success.
 - If a student is in an Academic class and will not pass despite every effort, they may be given the option to audit the course and receive a NM (no mark) rather than a letter grade.
 - If a student hasn't earned their 80 credits by the end of Grade 12, they do have the option of attending an extra year provided that the student is not over 19 and they are earnest and have a strong work ethic.
 - Adult Education (at a Learning Centre) is also another option after Grade 12.
- Students **MUST** attend ALL classes EVERYDAY.
 - If a student is going to be absent, someone should call the office to explain the absence.
 - If a student needs to go home before school is over, they need to go to the office and sign out.
 - Students who are absent without permission will receive a phone call home from the school. If these absences continue, there will be parent meetings and the student may also be suspended.
- Students **MUST** be ON TIME to all classes - it is recommended that they arrive at 8:30 am.
 - If a student is more than 5 minutes late, they need to sign in at the office.
 - Less than 5 minutes late, students go to class and the teacher will follow up.
 - Continued "lates" may result in detentions, parent meetings or suspension.
- A reminder that absences for vacation purposes are disruptive to a student's education. Students who are absent miss important information and may fall behind.
 - Teachers are not expected to provide students with school work they will be missing.
 - Students absent for more than 25 days are withdrawn from Tamanawis.
- If a student needs to leave school for religious purposes, please let the office know. If students need time for prayers during school time, there is a room available for this.

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At Home

- Parents play a vital role in their child's education. **Parents are encouraged to:**
 - Attend school meetings and seminars (translators are usually available).
 - Stay in contact with teachers regarding child's progress
 - Encourage and attend extra-curricular sports and clubs
 - Check child's planner daily to monitor homework
 - Promote 20 minutes of reading in English every day
- It takes time for a person to learn a second language. There are **three types of language learning:**
 - Conversation - a person is usually able to speak everyday casual English within two years
 - Academic - this is the language that a student needs to succeed in the classroom. It takes at least five years to reach this level.
 - If a student has reached a higher level of conversational English, this does not always mean that they are ready for academic classes.
 - Written - it takes longest to master written language.

Who to call

If you have any questions or concerns (in English or another language) please call:

Tamanawis Secondary

OR

English Language Learner Welcome Centre

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