

2023 Fusion Fridays

A Brief History of Fusion Fridays:



The idea for Fusion Fridays came from the brainstorming of the Launch Team and Innovation Committee (now combined and rebranded as the Tolles Way Committee).

- Our committee wanted to find a way to move forward with the good that came from the 2020-2021 school year.
- Our committee wanted to respond to the advances of digital learning knowing that education (and workplaces, too) had been forever changed in the wake of the pandemic and remote learning/working
- Tolles had students who thrived learning in a blended learning environment and we felt we needed to respond to that.
- Our committee also felt it was important to allow our students autonomy to make choices in how they learn and to develop the time management skills needed for successful futures
- Fusion Fridays are **only available to Full Day** Tolles students. This was decided for 2 reasons:
 1. To promote and encourage high achievement
 2. Half Day students will still have to attend home school academics and transportation could become an issue
- **Full Day students, both Juniors & Seniors**, qualify for the program by earning all A's and B's during each interim and nine week marking period.
- Our committee chose to use interim and 9 week quarter grades as the qualifying criteria because no additional framework needed to be created in order to implement Fusion Fridays.
- School year 2021-2022 was the pilot year for Fusion Fridays.
- In November 2022, our committee voted to continue Fusion Fridays for the 2022-23 school year with a slight reduction in the number of Fusion Fridays and with an additional qualifying criteria of attendance (no more than 1 unexcused absence in any qualifying interim)

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Goal

Fusion Fridays are designed to prepare students for the choices and autonomy that will build the bankable skills required for a successful future.

Incentive

- Participating students choose how to do their Friday classwork, hybrid or traditional, meaning they are not required to attend school on Fusion Fridays...which are select Fridays during 2nd Semester.
- This is an opportunity for students to practice good time management skills and build their resume by completing their assignments in a timely manner and using the extra time to work, intern, volunteer or extend their time in the classroom with lab or academic projects

Criteria

- To qualify for Fusion Fridays, students must:
 - be full day students
 - earn all A's and B's during each interim and nine week marking period
 - have no more than 1 unexcused absence during each interim/nine week marking period
- Students need to re-qualify at interim and at the end of each marking period.
- Students have their first opportunity to qualify based on their 2nd nine weeks grades.

Details

- Fusion Fridays will begin the 2nd semester, using Quarter 2 grades.
- Students who have not met the program requirements will come to school on Fusion Fridays, and follow their normal daily schedule.
- This is an opportunity to receive extra help in a smaller group setting, work on classroom assignments and catch up on missing work.
- Due to logistical issues, ½ day students would not be able to participate.



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Dates

- Students need to re-qualify with grades and attendance criteria at each interim and marking period. These qualifying dates are:
 - **December 16, 2022** (2nd quarter ENDS)
 - **February 3, 2023** (3rd quarter INTERIM)
 - **March 10, 2023** (3rd quarter ENDS)
 - **April 21, 2023** (4th quarter INTERIM)
- Students that qualify for Fusion Fridays will not be required to attend school on Fridays for the period of time that they are qualified. These time periods are:
 - **Students who qualify on December 16, 2022** are eligible to **Fusion Friday** on:
 - January 27, 2023
 - February 3, 2023
 - **Students who qualify on February 3, 2023** are eligible to **Fusion Friday** on:
 - February 17, 2023
 - March 3, 2023
 - **Students who qualify on March 10, 2023** are eligible to **Fusion Friday** on:
 - March 31, 2023
 - April 21, 2023
 - **Students who qualify on April 21, 2023** are eligible to Fusion Friday on:
 - April 28, 2023
 - May 5, 2023
 - May 12, 2023
 - May 19, 2023

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- Students who **DO NOT** qualify for Fusion Fridays come to school for a normal school day
- Students who **DO** qualify for Fusion Fridays can still choose to come to school for a normal school day
- **Students can choose** to work, job shadow, perform community service, arrange a college visit, work on school assignments, enrichment projects, service-learning projects, CTSO projects, etc.
- The idea is that the students have earned the privilege to *choose* how they spend their day because of their commitment to earning good grades.
- **Teachers ultimately have the choice in how they want to use Fusion Fridays in their classroom.**
- Teachers will post assignments on Google Classroom. Assignment deadlines will be at teacher discretion, but **no assignments will be due before Monday morning.**
- **There is no plan to remove students from Fusion Fridays.** Except in extraordinary circumstances, students who earned Fusion Fridays will complete the current 4 week cycle.