

Preds Time

What is Preds Time?

Preds Time is a great opportunity for students to improve their learning and success at school! Each week, Preds Time is built into the timetable. Based on our motto, “Engage Learning, Ignite Potential, Inspire Success”, this is time set aside for students to improve their learning and themselves. Sometimes teachers and parents will assist in directing Preds Time. Sometimes students who are in good standing can direct that time themselves. Either way, EPC School expects that our students will strive to be their best.

Preds Time is considered instructional time, and students should prioritize using it to further their studies. During Preds Time, teachers are available to provide structured intervention (help) to support students in their learning. Students who choose not to make themselves available for Preds Time for work or other reasons may not have access to teacher support outside of class time.

Why is Preds Time Important?

Senior High students may earn their way out of Preds Time by being in good standing: regularly completing their assignments to an acceptable standard (passing at minimum) and submitting them on time. If a student falls behind in submitting their assignments, their teacher will help them create a plan during Monday's Preds Time, advising them where to sign up for assistance and how to best use their time to ensure their work is completed. As most assignments have deadlines, and there will come a point in time when they will no longer be accepted, Preds Time offers an ideal opportunity for students to get assistance and catch up to meet their deadlines. Preds time is mandatory for all Junior High students. It is also mandatory on Mondays for all Senior High students.

What Happens During Preds Time?

During Preds Time, EPC will offer a variety of regularly scheduled sessions, such as:

- **Mondays**- students meet with their homeroom teacher. A short lesson will be taught and then support will be given to help students sign up for the rest of the week's Preds time classes.
- **Homework Help** - Daily core subject sessions, with complementary subjects covered at least once per week

- **Open Gym** - Physical activity time
- **Library** - Open for quiet independent work
- **Small Groups** - Collaboration space in a number of school areas available each day
- **Custom Sessions** - Weekly sessions added by teachers, based on the needs of their class (e.g. a session on Google Sheets for Science students struggling to track data in a spreadsheet)

Most weeks Preds Time will also give students opportunities to learn about and contribute their thoughts non-curricular topics, such as:

- High school program planning
- Monitoring graduation progress
- Post-secondary exploration
- Responding to school wide issues
- Participating in "Belonging at EPC" equity education
- Exploration of passions like
 - OE activities
 - Extra PE activities
 - Intro to CTS courses like
 - Foods
 - Wood shop
 - Welding
 - And many more engaging and interesting topics

We will also be bringing in community members to work with students or talk to them about topics that pertain to them.

Students are expected to fill their schedules with Preds Time sessions for the full week each week, and their attendance will be tracked and reported in PowerSchool. Preds Time on Mondays will be home room based. Teachers will get to know their homeroom Preds class and support them in registering for that week's Preds Time sessions with the aid of their teacher. All students are expected to attend Monday Preds Time sessions.

Teachers may identify certain students as requiring additional help or skill development, and can schedule them into an appropriate session. Parents can also log into their PowerSchool account, sign up their kids for sessions and monitor their attendance. If a teacher or a parent registers a student, the student cannot unregister themselves and is required to attend.

What is Off-Campus Preds Time?- High School Students Only

When a student is in good standing and their level of achievement is meeting the expectations of their teachers, their parents and themselves, it may be appropriate for them to spend their Preds Time off campus working toward self-improvement in another aspect of their lives. With the permission of their parents, students meeting these criteria are permitted to sign up for the "Off-Campus with Parent Approval" Preds Session (to track their attendance), and then spend their Preds Time off school grounds.

Remember:

- It is important for parents to have regular conversations with their kids about family expectations for the use of Preds Time.
- ***Students who remain on school grounds are expected to attend an on-campus Preds session.***