

A D E W E Y D I C T I O N A R Y

1. Cycle A seven-week term. There are five seven-week terms in John Dewey High School with an optional sixth cycle during the summer time. Students receive grades and report cards at the end of a cycle.
2. Consultative Council An advisory body to the principal consisting of five students, five teachers, and five parents. They discuss any and all problems related to school matters.
3. DISK DEWEY INDEPENDENT STUDY KIT: These are prepared courses offered by each department for full course credit. All work is done outside of the formal classroom. You can see the department coordinator of independent study or teachers in the resource centers for help. At the end of seven weeks, examinations (oral, written, and/or laboratory) are given in order to give course credit.
4. Independent Study Time provided students when they have options in terms of use of their time:
a) use of resource centers
b) working on DISKs
c) using school library
d) involved in student government or club activity
e) use of campus facilities
5. ISGA Activities INDEPENDENT STUDY GROUP ACTIVITIES: Planned activities which take place during the day to assist students in the use of independent study time. Activities include everything from discussion on student issues to films and lectures.
6. Dewey has no inter-scholastic sports. It does have an intramural program. This provides for team play in many sports within the school. Students win awards for their outstanding athletic achievements.
7. Module A twenty-minute period of time. The eight-hour day is divided into 22 twenty-minute modules. All classes are two or more modules in length.
8. "M", "R", "MC", "MI" Students in Dewey receive four kinds of grades:
a) M = Mastery
This means that a student has achieved sufficient mastery to move on to the next phase of work.
b) R = Retention
This means that a student has not achieved mastery and must repeat the phase of work.
c) MC = Mastery with Condition
This allows a student to move on to the next phase of work, but it indicates areas of weakness.
d) MI = Mastery in Independent Study
Given to students who have successfully passed a DISK.
9. Prescriptions These are forms sent to all parents at the end of a cycle (term) which explain specific areas of weakness. They can help provide the basis for improvement in student work.
10. Resource Centers Departmental areas where students can get help and assistance from teachers. Teachers will help students review material, do advanced work, or go over home-work assignments.
11. Three Man Council Leadership of the student elected government. Students provide leadership in many areas of school life.