

# More Self-discipline, More Bossing in Future Schools

By JAMES J. DOYLE  
 United Press International  
 Portland, Ore. (UPI) — When the 2,250 students who attend Marshall High school here resume classes next fall, they will become part of an "experiment" in secondary education.

Gone will be the static 55-minute periods, dry lectures, day to day scheduling and, perhaps most important to the students, the constant supervision.

At the base of the year-long pilot program are two tried methods: flexible scheduling and team teaching. Both have been tried only in limited areas of curricula and on a limited scale, however.

But Marshall's program, like that of four other schools around the country, will involve all students, all teachers. It is the largest of five schools in the experiment to inaugurate what is called "modular flexible scheduling," and the one educators will be watching.

This is the big revolution," said Dr. Gaynor Petrequin, principal.

Under the present system, there are five 55-minute periods with a sixth period for study, all closely supervised.

Under the new plan, a student will register each morning and then go to his first period, but instead of 55 minutes, it might be 20 minutes, or 40, 60, or 80. It will be a "module" or a series of modules — 20-minute time periods. Few classes will be shorter than 40 minutes.

In an instance in which one module is used, it will include 16 minutes for work and four minutes to go to the next part of the day's program. One - module classes will be used almost without exception for individual projects.

Dr. Petrequin said that workers who planned the

project hit upon the 20 minute time period for maximum flexibility after studying periods of 15 and 30 minutes.

The student, then, might begin his day with that one module of individual work, or two modules of history, or three for chemistry.

What it will mean in actual practice to the student is a half hour more of school day, 60 minutes more each week to pursue projects the student "wants" to follow, more selectivity in choosing elective subjects and more individual determination in his own education.

But most important to the student: He will be considered an adult and capable of this academic responsibility. "It's a bit of a chance," Dr. Petrequin said.

"Students are still supervised as thoroughly as they were in the first grade," he

believes this is a dynamic presentation will lecture.

Also, at the teacher level of the program, more non-professional workers will be used, and it is hoped that ultimately fewer teachers will be needed to accomplish the same, or more effective results.

The professional instructor will spend his time in the strictly professional task of teaching and counseling and "para - professionals" and clerical workers will do the other tasks.

Dr. Petrequin, and his fellow educators, hope - and expect - Marshall High school to lay the blueprint for future educational programs, a new direction in teaching.

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 United Press International  
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The National Safety council reports that accidents cause more deaths among children 1 to 14 than the five other leading causes of death combined. In 1962, 4,322 children in the 1-14 age group died in traffic accidents across the nation.

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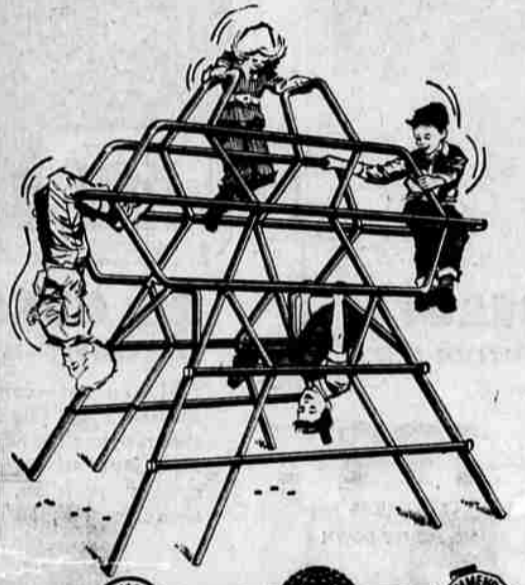
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