

Sunday Scheduling Options

When Two, Three, or Four Wards Occupy a Meetinghouse
and
When Units Combine Some Meetings

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Overlapping Schedules

Choose an overlapping schedule when multiple wards or branches share a meetinghouse and space allows for overlapping units. Ward or branch meetings may begin every 90 minutes. For example, when three wards or branches meet in the same building, meetings may begin at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon. Stake presidents may adapt schedules and starting times based on members' travel time, security issues, or other local needs. If, for example, local leaders desire to hold sacrament meeting in the second hour rather than the first, bishops can counsel with their stake president about making that adjustment.

| | Ward 1 | Ward 2 | Ward 3 |
|---------|--|---------|-----------------------|
| 60 mins | Sacrament Meeting | | Sacrament Meeting |
| 10 mins | Transition to Classes | | Transition to Classes |
| 50 mins | Sunday School (1 & 3) EQ, AP, RS, YW (2 & 4) Bishop's Discretion (5) | Primary | Primary |

Nonoverlapping Schedules

Choose a nonoverlapping schedule when multiple wards or branches share a meetinghouse and space does not allow for overlapping units or when there is no need or desire to overlap. Ward or branch meetings may begin as soon as 30 minutes after the previous unit has completed its meetings. For example, when three wards or branches meet in the same building, meetings may begin at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Stake presidents may adapt schedules and starting times based on members' travel time, security issues, or other local needs. If, for example, local leaders desire to hold sacrament meeting in the second hour rather than the first, bishops can counsel with their stake president about making that adjustment.

| | Ward 1 | Ward 2 | Ward 3 |
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| 60 mins | Sacrament Meeting | | |
| 10 mins | Transition to Classes | | |
| 50 mins | Sunday School (1 & 3) EQ, AP, RS, YW (2 & 4) Bishop's Discretion (5) | | Primary |

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| 60 mins | Sacrament Meeting | |
| 10 mins | Transition to Classes | |
| 50 mins | Sunday School (1 & 3) EQ, AP, RS, YW (2 & 4) Bishop's Discretion (5) | Primary |

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| 60 mins | Sacrament Meeting | |
| 10 mins | Transition to Classes | |
| 50 mins | Sunday School (1 & 3) EQ, AP, RS, YW (2 & 4) Bishop's Discretion (5) | Primary |

Overlapping Meeting Schedule When Units Combine Some Meetings

This overlapping schedule may be helpful when wards or branches combine some meetings because of small numbers of children or youth or because children or youth desire to meet with a unit that speaks another language.

From *Handbook 2*, chapter 18: “When two units whose members speak different languages meet in the same building, it may be desirable for the children and youth to attend classes together. For example, if an English-speaking ward and a Spanish-speaking branch meet in the same building, the Primary children of the Spanish branch could join with the Primary of the English ward. The youth of the Spanish branch could join with the Sunday School, Aaronic Priesthood, and Young Women classes of the English ward.

“Youth from the Spanish branch could also join with the English ward for Mutual. Children could join with the English ward for Cub Scouting and activity days.

“Using this plan requires the approval of the stake president. After receiving his approval, the bishopric and the branch presidency meet with priesthood and auxiliary leaders in their own units to seek their counsel and cooperation in implementing the plan.”

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| Ward 1 | | | Ward 2 | | |
|---------|--|------------------|---------|--|------------------|
| 60 mins | Sacrament Meeting | | | | |
| 10 mins | Transition to Classes | | | | |
| 50 mins | Sunday School Youth Meet Together (1 & 3) AP & YW Meet Together (2 & 4) EQ & RS Meet Separately (2 & 4) Bishop's Discretion (5) | Combined Primary | 50 mins | Sunday School Youth Meet Together (1 & 3) AP & YW Meet Together (2 & 4) EQ & RS Meet Separately (2 & 4) Bishop's Discretion (5) | Combined Primary |
| | | | 10 mins | Transition to Sacrament Meeting | |
| | | | 60 mins | Sacrament Meeting | |