



INSTRUCTION

6112(a)

School Day

In the event of a delayed opening or early dismissal, because of weather, staff in-service activities, parent-teacher conferences or other activities, the actual hours of school work in said day must be counted toward meeting the statutory requirement of 900 hours of actual school work in each school year for grades 1 through 12 and 450 hours for kindergarten.

In an early school closing or delayed opening because of adverse weather conditions, either the morning or afternoon kindergarten session shall count as a school day, regardless of its length.

Number of School Days

The district must by law provide in each school year no less than 180 days of actual school sessions for kindergarten through grade 12, and 900 hours of actual school work for grades 1 through 12. No more than 7 hours of actual school work in any school day may be counted toward the total required for the school year. Graduation shall not be held until 180 days and 900 hours of actual school work are completed.

Length of School Day: Special Education

Unless otherwise specified in a child's individualized education program, the minimum day and year for children requiring special education and related services shall be the same as that for children in the regular education program.

Total travel time shall not exceed one hour each way to and from a special education facility, unless parental consent and approval of the State Board of Education is obtained.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-16 Length of school day (as amended by PA-161 An Act Concerning
Reduction of Education Mandates)
10-16(1) Graduation exercises
State Board of Education Regulations
10-76d-3 Length of school day and year
10-76d-11 Individualized education program
10-76d-19 Transportation

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School Day and Time Distribution

Significant research findings confirm that the amount of time spent learning is one very important factor in determining a student's achievement. The purpose of this policy is to spell out the minimum number of required hours of actual school work each school day and for the school year.

I. School year

a. Grades 1 through 12

Each student must have the opportunity to receive 900 hours of actual school work in each school year in at least 180 days with no less than 4 hours of actual school work in each school day.

b. Kindergarten

Same but 450 hours - 2 1/2 hours of actual school work.

II. Length of School day

a. Elementary (1-6) - Full session

Length of school day - six hours minimum

Lunch period - fifty-seven (57) minutes maximum including passing, entering, and recess - fifty-two (52) minutes lunch/recess and five (5) minutes passing time.

Instructional time - 5 hours and ten (10) minutes minimum. Instructional time includes directed play. Directed play is defined as organized play supervised by a teacher.

Directed Play schedule:

All grades twenty (20) minutes maximum per grade including passing time.

One session days (1-6)

A.M. - Minimum of four (4) hours; no lunch; no directed play. Maximum of twenty (20) minutes break will be provided for lavatory and snack.

Kindergarten one session days will consist of a minimum of two (2) hours.

Time Distribution: Grades One and Two

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Min./Class or Day</u>	<u>Min./10 Day Cycle</u>
Arithmetic	45	450
Reading/Language Arts (Phonics, composition, spelling, penmanship, library, etc.)	180	1800
Science and Health	30	120
Social Studies	30	120
Art	45	45
Music	30	60
Physical Education	30	60
Assemblies		30
Other (directed play, opening exercises, additional time spent on above subjects as needed including career and consumer education.)	<u>415</u> 3100 min.	

Time Distribution: Grades Three and Four

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Min./Class or Day</u>	<u>Min./10 Day Cycle</u>
Arithmetic	50/60	Gr. 3 - 500 Gr. 4 - 600
Language Arts	180/150	Gr. 3 - 1800 Gr. 4 - 1500
Science and Health	30/45	Gr. 3 - 150 Gr. 4 - 225
Social Studies	30/45	Gr. 3 - 150 Gr. 4 - 225
Art	50	50
Music	30	60
Physical Education	30	60
Assemblies		30
Other (as above)		<u>300/350</u> 3100 min.

Time Distribution: Grades Five and Six

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Min./Class or Day</u>	<u>Min./10 Day Cycle</u>
Arithmetic	60	600
Language Arts	150	1500
Science and Health		240
Social Studies		300
Art		60
Music		60
Physical Education		60
Other (as above)		<u>280</u> 3100 min.

b. Junior High - Grades 7 and 8 - full session

Length of school day - minimum of six hours.

Lunch period - 30 minutes plus passing time.

Instructional time - seven periods - minimum time 43 minutes - does not include time for announcements or passing.

Ranges for Instructional Time

Periods Per Week

	<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>
The Arts		
Art	5 - one semester	5 - one semester
Music	**	**
Career Education	*	*
Consumer Education	*	*
Foreign Language	3	5
Health and Safety	1	1
Language Arts	5	5
Mathematics	5	5
Physical Education	**	**
Science	5	5
Social Studies	5	5
Consumer Home Economics	5 - one semester	5 - one semester
Industrial Arts	5 - one semester	5 - one semester
Vocational Guidance	as necessary	as necessary

* Infused in regular curriculum two to three periods per core teacher.

** Every other day for entire school year.

One session days - four (4) hours minimum - no lunch break.

c. High School - Grades 9-12 - full session

Length of school day - 6 hours

Lunch period - 30 minutes plus passing time.

Instructional time - seven (7) periods - minimum time 43 minutes - does not include time for announcements or passing.

Ranges for Instructional Time

Periods Per Week

Grades 9-12

The Arts		
Art	5	
Music		5
Career Education		*
Consumer Education		*
Foreign Languages		5
Health and Safety		5
Language Arts		5
Mathematics		5
Physical Education	5 for one semester	
Science		5-7
Social Studies		5
Vocational Education		
Business and Office (including laboratory)		10
Consumer Home Economics		5
Cooperative Work/Diversified Occupations		
Industrial Arts		5
Vocational Guidance	as necessary	
Vocational Education (other)		5-15

* Infused in regular curriculum.

One session days - four (4) hours minimum - no lunch break.

III. Related Activities

The principal with the superintendent's approval may schedule during the school day assemblies, testing, trips, and other school related activities necessary for the administration of the school. These approved activities will be included in the 900 hours of actual school work.

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