

SCHOOL DAY

The Board of Trustees shall fix the length of the school day subject to the provisions of law. (Education Code 46100)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

The length of the school day shall apply equally to students with disabilities unless otherwise specified in the student's individualized education program or Section 504 plan.

(cf. 6159 – Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6164.6 – Identification and Education Under Section 504)

In establishing the daily instructional schedule for each secondary school, the Superintendent or designee shall give consideration to course requirements and curricular demands, availability of school facilities, and applicable legal requirements.

The Board encourages flexibility in scheduling so as to provide longer time blocks or class periods when appropriate and desirable to support student learning, provide more intensive study of core academic subjects or extended exploration of complex topics, and reduce transition time between classes.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 8970-8974 Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten
- 37202 Equal time in all schools
- 37670 Year-round schools
- 46010 Total days of attendance
- 46100 Length of schoolday
- 46110-46119 Kindergarten and elementary schools (day of attendance)
- 46140-46147 Junior high school and high school (day of attendance)
- 46160-46162 Alternative schedule - junior high and high school
- 46200-46206 Incentives for longer instructional day and year
- 48200 – Compulsory attendance for minimum school day
- 48800-48802 – Concurrent enrollment in community college
- 51222 – Physical education, instructional minutes
- 51760-51769.5 – Work experience education
- 52326 Minimum school day for regional occupational center and programs

Management Resources:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION POSITION STATEMENTS

Recess for Elementary School Students, 2006

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENTS

99-03 Physical Education (PE) Requirements for Block Schedules, July 2006

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Extending Learning Time for Disadvantaged Students, August 1995

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WEST ED PUBLICATIONS

Full-Day Kindergarten: Expanding Learning Opportunities, Policy Brief, April 2005

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

National Association for Sport and Physical Education: <http://www.aahperd.org/naspe>

State Board of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/wr/waiverpolicies.asp>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

WestEd: <http://www.wested.org>

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