

Instruction

School Day

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

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.

Elementary Schools:

The District requirement for annual instructional minutes are:

- Transitional Kindergarten 40,500
- Kindergarten 42,300
- Grades 1-3 51,300
- Grades 4-6 54,900

The schedule for elementary schools shall include at least one daily period of recess of at least 20 minutes in length in order to provide students with unstructured but supervised opportunities for physical activity.

Secondary Schools:

The District requirement for annual instructional minutes are:

- Middle Schools (Grades 6-8) 61,260
- High Schools (Grades 9-12) 64,970

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.

When schools maintain the total number of school days students attend, the Board of Education 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.

Legal Reference: Education Code, Sections 8970-8974; 37202; 37670; 46010; 46100; 46110-46119; 46140-46147; 46160-46162; 46170; 46180; 46190-46192; 46200-46206; 48200; 48663; 48800-48802; 51222; 51760-51769.5; 52325

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