

Instruction

School Day

Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten

The minimum school day for transitional kindergarten/kindergarten students shall be at least 180 minutes, excluding noon intermissions but including recesses. (Education Code 46111, 46114, 46115, 46117)

The maximum school day for kindergarten students shall be four hours (240 minutes) excluding recesses. Recess may be counted as instructional minutes for purposes of determining the maximum school day if teacher supervision occurs. (Education Code 46111)

The maximum school day for kindergarten students may be longer than four hours under the following circumstances:

1. The kindergarten school day may exceed four hours if the district has established an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974 and meets the following conditions: (Education Code 8973)
 - a. The Board of Trustees declared that the extended-day kindergarten program does not exceed the length of the primary school days.
 - b. The extended-day kindergarten program includes ample opportunity for both active and quiet activities within an integrated, experimental and developmentally appropriate educational program.

Elementary Schools

The minimum school day for students in elementary schools shall be:

1. 230 minutes for students in grades 1 through 3 (Education Code 46112)
2. 240 minutes for students in grades 4 through 8 (Education Code 46113)

For students in grades 1 through 8, the minimum school day excludes both noon intermissions and recesses. (Education Code 46112, 46113)

The above minimum days do not apply to situations in grades 1 through 3 in which the Board has prescribed a shorter school day because of lack of school facilities requiring double sessions. (Education Code 46112, 46113)

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Secondary Schools

The minimum school day for junior high and high school students shall be 240 minutes unless otherwise provided by law. (Education Code 46141-46147)

The Board may authorize any student to attend fewer school days per week than scheduled as long as the student attends classes for at least 1,200 minutes during any five school days. (Education Code 46160)

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