

Instruction

BP 6112 (a)

SCHOOL DAY

Governing Board shall fix the length of the school day in accordance with law. (Education Code 46100)

At each school, the length of the school day shall be the same for all students, except as otherwise permitted by law. For any student with a disability, the length of the school day shall be as specified in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan.

The daily schedule for elementary schools shall include at least one period of recess of at least 20 minutes, during which students shall be provided supervised opportunities to engage in unstructured physical activity.

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.

Prior to implementing a block or alternative schedule that will allow secondary students to attend school for fewer school days than the total number of school days for which the school is in session, the Board shall consult in good faith, in an effort to reach agreement with the certificated and classified employees of the school, parents/guardians of the students who would be affected by the change, and the community at large. Such consultation shall include at least one public hearing for which the Board shall give adequate notice to the employees and to the parents/guardians of affected students. (Education Code 46162)

State

Ed. Code 37202: Equal time in all schools

Ed. Code 37670: Year-round schools

Ed. Code 46010: Total days of attendance

Ed. Code 46100: Length of school day

Ed. Code 46110-46119: Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools

Ed. Code 46140-46147: Attendance in junior high and high schools

Ed. Code 46160-46162: Alternative schedule - junior high and high school

Ed. Code 46170: Continuation schools, minimum day

Ed. Code 46180: Opportunity schools, minimum day

Ed. Code 46190-46192: Adult education classes, day of attendance

Ed. Code 46200-46206: Minimum instructional time

Ed. Code 48200: Minimum school day

Ed. Code 48663: Community day school, minimum school day

Ed. Code 48800-48802: Concurrent enrollment in community college

Ed. Code 51222: Physical education, instructional minutes

Ed. Code 51760-51769.5: Work experience education

Ed. Code 52325: Regional occupational center, minimum day

Ed. Code 8970-8974: Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten

Management Resources: Description

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NASPE Position Statement: Recess for Elementary School Students, 2006

State Board of Education Policy Statement: 99-03 Physical Education (PE) Requirements for Block Schedules, July 2006

U.S. Department of Education Publication: Extending Learning Time for Disadvantaged Students, August 1995

Website: National Association for Sport and Physical Education

Website: State Board of Education

Website: WestEd

Website: U.S. Department of Education

Website: California Department of Education

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

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