

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)

The schedule for elementary students 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.

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

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 school day
- 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
- 46170 Continuation schools, minimum day
- 46180 Opportunity schools, minimum day
- 46190-46192 Adult education classes, day of attendance
- 46200-46206 Minimum instructional time
- 48200 Compulsory attendance for minimum school day
- 48663 Community day school, minimum school day
- 48800-48802 Concurrent enrollment in community college
- 51222 Physical education, instructional minutes
- 51760-51769.5 Work experience education
- 52325 Regional occupational center, minimum day

Management Resources: (see next page)

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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

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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Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten

Kindergarten and transitional kindergarten (TK) classes may be maintained for different lengths of time at the same school site. (Education Code 37202)

Except as otherwise permitted by law, the average school day established for kindergarten and TK students shall be at least three hours, including recesses but excluding noon intermissions, but no longer than four hours, excluding recesses. (Education Code 46111, 46114, 46115, 46117)

Recess may be counted as instructional minutes for purposes of determining the maximum school day if it occurs under teacher supervision.

In any district school operating an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974, the kindergarten school day may exceed four hours, excluding recess, if both of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 8973)

1. The Board of Trustees has declared that the extended-day kindergarten program does not exceed the length of the primary school day.
2. The extended-day kindergarten program includes ample opportunity for both active and quiet activities within an integrated, experiential, and developmentally appropriate educational program.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall annually report to the California Department of Education as to whether the district's kindergarten and TK programs are offered full day, part day, or both. (Education Code 48003)

Grades 1-8

Except as otherwise provided by law, the school day for elementary and middle school students shall be:

1. At least 230 minutes for students in grades 1-3, unless the Board has prescribed a shorter school day because of lack of school facilities requiring double sessions, in which case the minimum school day shall be 200 minutes (Education Code 46112)
2. At least 240 minutes for students in grades 4-8 (Education Code 46113, 46142)

In determining the number of minutes for purposes of compliance with the minimum school day for students in grades 1-8, both noon intermissions and recesses shall be excluded. (Education Code 46115)

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