

INSTRUCTION

School Day

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

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule class periods giving consideration to course requirements and curricular demands, availability of school facilities, the age and attention span of students, and legal requirements.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1982 Administration County Community School
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 Minimum day - continuation schools
46180 Opportunity schools (minimum day)
46190-46192 Adult school (day of attendance)
46200-46206 Incentives for longer instructional day and year
48645.3 Minimum school day, course of study juvenile court school
48663 Minimum school day, community day school
52326 Minimum school day for regional occupational center and programs

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

Kindergarten Information, June 7, 2002

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

The Uses of Time for Teaching and Learning, October 1996

Extending Learning Time for Disadvantaged Students, August 1995

NATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION ON TIME AND LEARNING

PUBLICATIONS

Prisoners of Time, April 1994

WEB SITES

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

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Community Day School

The minimum school day shall be 360 minutes. (Education code 48663)

County Community School

The minimum school day for County Community School shall be 240 minutes except for students enrolled per Education Code 1981(c) enrolled in the board approved vocational education program or in a work experience program per Education Code 48645.3. Those students minimum day shall be 180 minutes.

Opportunity School

The minimum school day for opportunity school shall be 180 minutes. (Education Code 46180)

Opportunity Program

A pupil may be enrolled in an opportunity program for not less than a class period of the school, and not more than 179 minutes per day. Attendance for a pupil enrolled in an opportunity program shall be credited to the regular class attendance.

A pupil who is enrolled in both an opportunity program and a regular school, shall attend school for a period of time not less than the minimum school day required for the grade level in which he is enrolled. (Education Code 46180)

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 46115)

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 minimum school day shall be 180 minutes for students enrolled in a continuation high school, continuation education classes, opportunity school or classes, adult education classes, special day or Saturday vocational training program, or specified work experience program. (Education Code 46144, 46170, 46180, 46190)

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The board may schedule classes in grades 7-12 in such schools so that each pupil attends classes for at least 1,200 minutes during any five-school day period. (Education Code 46160)

After holding a public meeting pursuant to Education Code 46162, 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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