

SCHOOL DAY

The student school day for grades one through twelve shall consist of a minimum of six hours, not including the lunch period. The school day consists of the schedule of class instruction and class activities as established and sponsored by the school district. Time during which students are released from school for parent/teacher conferences may be counted as part of the student's instructional time. The minimum school day shall meet the requirements as established for the operation of accredited schools. The board may define the number of days kindergarten will be held and the length of each school day for the students attending kindergarten. The school day shall consist of a schedule as recommended by the superintendent and approved by the board.

The school district may also record a day of school with less than the minimum instructional hours if the total hours of instructional time for grades one through twelve in any five consecutive school days equals a minimum of thirty hours, even though any one day of school is less than the minimum instructional hours because of a staff development opportunity provided for the instructional staff or parent-teacher conferences have been scheduled beyond the regular school day. Parent-teacher conference time is included in the total of instructional hours for the day, week and calendar total hours or days. Schedule revisions and changes in time allotments will be made by the superintendent.

One of the following sentences will apply based on the district's hour or day calendar: When the school is forced to close due to weather or other emergencies that part of the day during which school was in session will constitute a school day if the district is operating under a calendar based on 180 instructional days. When the school is forced to close due to weather or other emergencies those hours of the day during which school was in session will count toward the 1,080 total hours required.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to inform the board annually of the length of the school day.

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