

Instruction
SCHOOL DAY

BP 6112 (a)

The 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.

Unless there is a field trip or other educational program, the daily schedule for grades K-6 shall include at least one or more periods of recess of at least 30 minutes on regular instructional days and 15 minutes on early release days. During this time, students shall be provided supervised opportunities, outdoors when weather and air quality permit unless space is not sufficient in which case recess may be held indoors, to engage in unstructured physical activity, play, organized games, and/or social engagement with peers, and may be provided a snack. (Education Code 49056)

The Educational Program refers to the entire school-sponsored offering for students, including in-class and out-of-class activities. (Education Code 49056)

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 46110-46120: Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools

Ed. Code 46120: Expanded learning opportunities

Ed. Code 46140-46148: Attendance in junior high and high schools

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Ed. Code 46148: School Day for middle and high school
Ed. Code 46160-46162: Alternative schedule for junior high and high school; public hearing with notice
Ed. Code 46170: Continuation schools; minimum day
Ed. Code 46180: Opportunity schools; minimum day
Ed. Code 46191: Attendance for adults in correctional facilities
Ed. Code 46200-46208: Incentives for longer instructional day and year
Ed. Code 48200: Compulsory full-time education
Ed. Code 48663: Community day school; minimum school day
Ed. Code 48800-48802: Concurrent enrollment in community college
Ed. Code 49056: Recess
Ed. Code 51222: Physical education; instructional minutes
Ed. Code 51720-51724: Evening high school for minors
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

California Department of Education Publication: Conducting Individualized Determinations of Need
California Department of Education Publication: AA & IT Independent Study FAQs
State Board of Education Policy Statement: 99-03 Physical Education (PE) Requirements for Block Schedules, July 2006
Website: CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website: WestEd
Website: National Association for Sport and Physical Education
Website: State Board of Education
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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