

**SCHOOL DAY****BOARD POLICY**

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 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 schools 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)

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 schedule program in which secondary students attend class for fewer school days, the Board shall consult with the certificated and classified employees of the school in a good faith effort to reach agreement and shall also consult with 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 has given adequate notice to the employees and to the parents/guardians of affected students. (Education Code 46162)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

**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

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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 Incentives for longer instructional day and year  
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:**

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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