

Instruction

School Day

Grades K - 6

The Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that:

1. The school year is 181 days of instruction for all grades;
2. The school year provides a minimum of 900 hours of actual schoolwork; in meeting this requirement, no more than seven (7) hours of actual schoolwork on a given day shall be credited toward meeting the 900-hour minimum;
3. In the event of a delayed opening or early dismissal because of weather, staff in-service activities, parent-teacher conferences, or other activities, the actual hours of school work in said day will be counted toward meeting the statutory requirement of 900 hours of actual school work in each school year for grades 1-6 and 450 hours for kindergarten. In an early school closing or delayed opening because of weather, the district will provide a minimum of 900 hours of actual schoolwork by the conclusion of the school year.
4. Should it be necessary to consider alternative scheduling in any single school year, because of unusual circumstances which could interfere with fulfilling the State required 180 day school year, the Superintendent shall recommend to the Board a plan for alternative scheduling to be transmitted to the State Board of Education for its consideration and possible approval.
5. In the event of an early closing because of weather, the kindergarten session shall count as a school day, regardless of its length.

In complying with statutory requirements for a minimum of four (4) hours per day and a minimum of 900 hours per year, the Superintendent shall exclude from the definition of actual school work that time provided for student lunch periods and non-institutional recesses at the elementary schools.

Length of School Day: Special Education

Unless otherwise specified in a child's individualized educational program, the minimum day and year for children requiring special education and related services shall be the same as that for children without special education and related services.

Should a child be transported to a special education facility, total travel time shall not exceed one hour each way. Exceptions shall be provided by law.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools.

10-16 Length of school day. (As amended by PA 96-161 An Act Concerning Reduction of Education Mandates.)

10-16b Prescribed courses of study.

10-220 Duties of boards of education.

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The children's school day shall be six hours and thirty-five minutes. The teachers' day will be in accord with the contract currently in effect. Teachers' time will be kept flexible to allow for a block of time, which can be scheduled at the discretion of the principal.

Special education teachers are required to keep the same regulation and to conform their time to that of the school in which they are expected to work on any particular day.

All teachers are required to be in their classrooms to welcome and to supervise the children when the first buses arrive in the morning. This generally occurs a few minutes prior to the actual beginning of the school day.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes
10-16 Length of school Day

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