

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 school work; 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 K-6. 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.

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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School Day (continued)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools, as amended by P.A. 11-85, An Act Concerning the Achievement Gap.

1016 Length of school day (as amended by PA 21-46, Sections 17 and 18)

10-16(l) Graduation exercises (as amended by PA 19-195)

State Board of Education Regulations

1076d3 Length of school day and year.

1076d11 Individualized education program.

1076d19 Transportation.

Action of SBE on August 11, 2020, to authorize shortening of the school year.

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