

SCHOOL DAY

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the length and uses of the school day.

State laws and regulations require that the length of the instructional day for middle and high school students must be at least six hours, or its weekly equivalent, excluding lunch. The length of the school day for elementary school students must be at least six hours, or its weekly equivalent, including lunch.

Schools may reduce the length of the school day to not less than three hours on not more than three days each school year for staff development or for the purpose of administering end-of-semester and end-of-year examinations.

The number of hours in an instructional day may vary as determined by the board and does not have to be uniform among the schools in the district. The district must consult with parents/legal guardians and faculty and obtain board approval before varying the length of the school day.

The schools must give priority to teaching and learning tasks and may interrupt classes only for emergencies.

Moment of silence

All schools will provide for a minute of mandatory silence at the beginning of each school day.

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Legal references:

- A. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:
1. Section 59-1-440 - Minimum hours and use of school day.
 2. Section 59-1-443 - Moment of silence.