

Policy 6112: School Day

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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 or Section 504 plan.

The ~~Unless there is a field trip or other educational program, the~~ daily schedule for elementary schools ~~grades K-6~~ shall include at least one ~~period or more periods~~ of recess of at least **30 minutes on regular instructional days and 15 minutes, during which 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)**

Educational Program means 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 equipment,** 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)

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

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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
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

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Ed. Code 48663
 Ed. Code 48800-48802
 Ed. Code 49056
 Ed. Code 51222
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