

School Year, School Day, and School Calendar

I. SCHOOL YEAR: The Board of Education shall establish a school year which is in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

A. Number of Days: The school year shall consist of a minimum of 180 days.

B. Exception for Kindergarten: In the event of an early school closing or delayed opening because of adverse weather conditions, either the morning or afternoon kindergarten session shall count as a school day for both sessions of kindergarten.

C. Hours of Instruction: The school year must include a minimum of 900 hours of actual school work for grades 1-12 and 450 hours of actual school work for kindergarten.

II. SCHOOL DAY

A. Scheduling of: The school day shall be arranged and scheduled by the administration so as to offer the greatest educational return for the time spent, within the limitations of school facilities and requirements of state law and regulations.

B. Delayed Opening or Early Dismissal: In the event of a delayed opening or early dismissal because of weather, parent-teacher conferences, emergency, or in-service activities, the actual hours of school work on such shortened days may be counted toward the statutory requirement for 900 hours for grades 1-12 or 450 hours for kindergarten.

III. LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY: SPECIAL EDUCATION

The minimum school day for children requiring special education and related services shall be the same as that for children in the regular program, unless otherwise specified in a child's individualized education program.

Total travel time shall not exceed one hour each way to and from a special education facility, unless parental consent and approval of the State Board of Education is obtained.

IV. SCHOOL CALENDAR

The superintendent shall recommend to the Board of Education a school calendar that will meet the requirements of the law as well as the needs of the community, students, and personnel.

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Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

- 1-4. Days designated as legal holidays.
- 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).
- 10-76d. Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special
education programs and services.

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