

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

Board Policy

BP 6112

INSTRUCTION

School Day

The Governing Board shall fix the length of the school day subject to the provisions of law. (Education Code 46100)

The length of the school day shall apply equally to students with disabilities unless otherwise specified in the student's individualized education program or Section 504 plan.

The schedule for elementary schools shall include at least one daily period of recess of at least 20 minutes in length in order to provide students with unstructured but supervised opportunities for physical activity.

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 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 schedule program in which secondary students attend class for fewer school days, the Board shall consult with the certificated and classified employees of the school in a good faith effort to reach agreement and shall also consult with 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 has given adequate notice to the employees and to the parents/guardians of affected students. (Education Code 46162)

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Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

8970-8974 Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten

37202 Equal time in all schools

37670 Year-round schools

46010 Total days of attendance

46100 Length of school day

46110-46119 Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools

46140-46147 Attendance in junior high and high schools

46160-46162 Alternative schedule – junior high and high school

46170 Continuation schools, minimum day

46180 Opportunity schools, minimum day

46190-46192 Adult education classes, day of attendance

46200-46206 Minimum instructional time

48200 Minimum school day

48663 Community day school, minimum school day

48800-48802 Concurrent enrollment in community college

51222 Physical education, instructional minutes

51760-51769.5 Work experience education

52325 Regional occupational center, minimum day

Management Resources:

NASPE POSITION STATEMENT

Recess for Elementary School Students, 2006

WESTED PUBLICATION

Full-Day Kindergarten: Expanding Learning Opportunities, Policy Brief, April 2005

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT

99-03 Physical Education (PE) Requirements for Block Schedules, July 2006

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATION

Extending Learning Time for Disadvantaged Students, August 1995

WEBSITE

National Association for Sport and Physical Education: <https://www.pgpedia.com/n/national-association-sport-and-physical-education>

WestEd: <https://www.wested.org/>

State Board of Education: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

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Cross References (cf.):

- 0470 – COVID-19 Mitigation Plan (N/A)***
- 3516.5 – Emergency Schedules***
- 5030 – Student Wellness***
- 6000 – Concepts and Roles***
- 6111 – School Calendar (N/A)***
- 6117 – Year-Round Schedules (N/A)***
- 6142.7 – Physical Education and Activity***
- 6145.8 – Assemblies and Special Events (N/A)***
- 6154 – Homework/Makeup Work (N/A)***
- 6154 – Homework K-6***
- 6158 – Independent Study***
- 6159 – Individualized Education Program***
- 6164.6 – Identification and Education Under Section 504***
- 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten (N/A)***
- 6171 – Title I Programs***
- 6172.1 – Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes (N/A)***
- 6178 – Career Technical Education (N/A)***
- 6178.1 – Work-Based Learning (N/A)***
- 6178.2 – Regional Occupational Center/Program (N/A)***
- 6179 – Supplemental Instruction (N/A)***
- 6179 – Supplemental Instruction for Remediation***
- 6184 – Continuation Education***
- 6185 – Community Day Schools (N/A)***
- 6200 – Adult Education***
- 9320 – Meetings and Notices***

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