

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

Board Policy

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INSTRUCTION

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Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten

Kindergarten and transitional kindergarten (TK) classes in district schools may be maintained for different lengths of time, either at the same or different school sites. (Education Code 37202)

Except as otherwise permitted by law, the average school day established for kindergarten and TK students shall be at least three hours, including recesses but excluding noon intermissions, but no longer than four hours, excluding recesses. (Education Code 46111, 46114, 46115, 46117)

Recess may be counted as instructional minutes for purposes of determining the maximum school day if it occurs under teacher supervision.

In any multitrack year-round school operating pursuant to Education Code 37670, the kindergarten school day may be up to 265 minutes, excluding recesses. (Education Code 46111)

In any district school operating an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974, the kindergarten school day may exceed four hours, excluding recess, if both of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 8973)

- 1. The Governing Board has declared that the extended-day kindergarten program does not exceed the length of the primary school day.**
- 2. The extended-day kindergarten program includes ample opportunity for both active and quiet activities within an integrated, experiential, and developmentally appropriate educational program.**

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The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the California Department of Education as to whether the district's kindergarten and TK programs are offered full day, part day, or both. (Education Code 48003)

Grades 1-8

Except as otherwise provided by law, the school day for elementary and middle school students shall be:

1. At least 230 minutes for students in grades 1-3, unless the Board has prescribed a shorter school day because of lack of school facilities requiring double sessions, in which case the minimum school day shall be 200 minutes (Education Code 46112)
2. At least 240 minutes for students in grades 4-8 (Education Code 46113, 46142)

In determining the number of minutes for purposes of compliance with the minimum school day for students in grades 1-8, both noon intermissions and recesses shall be excluded. (Education Code 46115)

Grades 9-12

The school day for students in grades 9-12 shall be at least 240 minutes. (Education Code 46141, 46142)

However, the school day may be less than 240 minutes when authorized by law. Programs that have a minimum school day of 180 minutes include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Continuation high school or classes (Education Code 46141, 46170)
2. Opportunity school or classes (Education Code 46141, 46180)
3. Regional occupational center (Education Code 46141, 52325)

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4. Work experience education program approved pursuant to Education Code 51760-51769.5 (Education Code 46141, 46144)

A student in grade 12 who is enrolled in work experience education and is in his/her last semester or quarter before graduation may be permitted to attend school for less than 180 minutes per school day if he/she would complete all requirements for graduation, except physical education courses, in less than 180 minutes each day. (Education Code 46147)

5. Concurrent enrollment in a community college pursuant to Education Code 48800-48802 or, for students in grades 11-12, part-time enrollment in classes of the California State University or University of California, provided academic credit will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of enrolled courses (Education Code 46146)
6. An early college high school or middle college high school, provided the students are enrolled in community college or college classes in accordance with item #5 above (Education Code 46141, 46146.5)
7. Special day or Saturday vocational training program conducted under a federally approved plan for career technical education (Education Code 46141, 46144)
8. Adult education classes (Education Code 46190)

For an evening high school operated pursuant to Education Code 51720-51724, the number of days, specific days of the week, and number of hours during which the program shall be in session may be determined by the Board. (Education Code 46141, 51721)

Students in grade 12 shall be enrolled in at least five courses each semester or the equivalent number of courses each quarter. This requirement shall not apply to students enrolled in regional occupational centers or programs, courses at accredited postsecondary institutions, independent study, special education programs in which the student's individualized education program

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establishes a different number of courses, continuation education classes, work experience education programs, or any other course of study authorized by the Board that is equivalent to the approved high school course of study. (Education Code 46145)

Alternative Block Schedule for Secondary Schools

In order to establish a block or other alternative schedule or to accommodate career technical education and regional occupational center/program courses, the district may authorize students to attend fewer than the total number of days in which school is in session provided that students attend classes for at least 1,200 minutes during any five school day period or 2,400 minutes during any 10 school day period. (Education Code 46160)

An early college high school or middle college high school may be scheduled so that students attend classes for at least 900 minutes during any five-school day period or 1,800 minutes during any 10-school day period. (Education Code 46160)

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

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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>

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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