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School Day

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)The average school day for kindergarten and TK students shall be at least three hours, including recesses but excluding noon intermissions.

If fewer than 40 students are enrolled in kindergarten classes, the district may request approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to maintain two kindergarten classes of 150 minutes each. (Education Code 46114, 46115, 46117, 46119)

In any school day, kindergarten and/or TK students shall not be kept in school for longer than four hours, excluding recesses, except where the school is operating an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974 or an expanded learning opportunity program pursuant to Education Code 46120. (Education Code 46111, 46115, 46120)

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

Under an extended day kindergarten program, recess may be counted as instructional minutes for purposes of determining the maximum school day if it occurs under teacher supervision.

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)

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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)

The school day for a middle school shall begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. (Education Code 46148)

Grades 9-12

The school day for a high school shall begin no earlier than 8:30 a.m. (Education Code 46148)

The school day for students in grades 9-12, including students in the independent study program, 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. Regional occupational center (Education Code 46141, 52325)
- 3. 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 the last semester or quarter before graduation may, upon written request by the student's parent/guardian or the student, if 18 years of age or over, be permitted to attend school for less than 180 minutes per school day if all requirements for graduation would be completed, except physical education courses, in less than 180 minutes each day. (Education Code 46147)
- 4. 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)
- 5. 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 #4 above (Education Code 46141, 46146.5)
- 6. Special day or Saturday vocational training program conducted under a federally approved plan for career technical education (Education Code 46141, 46144)

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

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or programs, courses at accredited postsecondary institutions, independent study, special education programs in which the student's individualized education program 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)

School Day Start Time Exception for Zero Period Classes offered at Middle and High Schools

The new law still allows schools to offer classes or activities to a limited number of pupils before the start of the school day as long as these classes or activities do not generate average daily attendance (ADA) for the purpose of determining the district's apportionment of state funding. This means that schools may still offer "zero periods" prior to the official start times listed above for middle and high school.

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)

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Policy Reference:

State Ed. Code 37202	Description 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	

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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	
Ed. Code 48663	Community day school; minimum school day	
Ed. Code 48800-48802	Concurrent enrollment in community college	
Ed. Code 49056	Recess	
Ed. Code 51222	Physical education; instructional minutes	
Ed. Code 51720-51724	Evening high school for minors	
Ed. Code 51760-51769.5	Work experience education	
Ed. Code 52325	Regional occupational center; minimum day	
Ed. Code 8970-8974	Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten	
Management Resources	Description	
California Department of Education Publication	Conducting Individualized Determinations o	<u>f Need</u>
California Department of Education	AA & IT Independent Study FAQs	
Publication State Board of Education Policy Statement	99-03 Physical Education (PE) Requirement Schedules, July 2006	ts for Block
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education	on Legal Services
Website	<u>WestEd</u>	
Website	National Association for Sport and Physical Education	
Website	State Board of Education	
Website	U.S. Department of Education	
Website	California Department of Education	
WestEd Publication	Full-Day Kindergarten: Expanding Learning Brief, April 2005	Opportunities, Policy

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