

SCHOOL DAY

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the length and uses of the school day.

State laws and regulations require that the length of the instructional day for middle and high school students be at least six hours, or its weekly equivalent, excluding lunch. The length of the school day for elementary school students must be at least six hours, or its weekly equivalent, including lunch.

~~—Student Arrival and Dismissal Times~~

<u>Level</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Dismissal</u>
Elementary	8:10 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Middle	8:15 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Secondary	8:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

Teacher arrival and dismissal times may be subject to change when assigned faculty meetings, staff development, or rotating duties such as bus duty.

Schools may reduce the length of the school day to not less than three hours on not more than three days each school year for staff development or for the purpose of administering end-of-semester and end-of-year examinations.

The length of the school day for students shall be determined by the Superintendent based on the recommendation of the Instructional Leaders in the District and shall take into consideration, but not be limited to, the ages of the students, the distances to and from school, bus scheduling, safety hazards and time needed to accomplish educational objectives. The Superintendent shall set forth in regulation the actual hours of attendance for each elementary, middle and high school in the district. The Superintendent shall announce proposed changes in the length of the school day prior to the beginning of a school year.

~~The district must consult with parents and faculty and obtain board approval before varying the length of the school day.~~

The schools must give priority to teaching and learning tasks and may interrupt classes only for emergencies.

Moment of silence

All schools will provide for a minute of mandatory silence at the beginning of each school day.

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Legal references:

- A. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:
 1. Section 59-1-440,425 - Provides for length of instructional day.
 2. Section 59-1-443 - Moment of silence.