

**Policy 6112: School Day**

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The Governing Board shall fix the length of the school day in accordance with law. (Education Code 46100)

At each school, the length of the school day shall be the same for all students, except as otherwise permitted by law. For any student with a disability, the length of the school day shall be as specified in the student's individualized education program or Section 504 plan.

Unless there is a field trip or other educational program, the daily schedule for grades K-6 shall include at least one or more periods of recess of at least 30 minutes on regular instructional days and 15 minutes on early release days. During this time, students shall be provided supervised opportunities, outdoors when weather and air quality permit unless space is not sufficient in which case recess may be held indoors, to engage in unstructured physical activity, play, organized games, and/or social engagement with peers, and may be provided a snack. (Education Code 49056)

*Educational Program* means the entire school-sponsored offering for students, including in-class and out-of-class activities. (Education Code 49056)

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 equipment, 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 or alternative schedule that will allow secondary students to attend school for fewer school days than the total number of school days for which the school is in session, the Board shall consult in good faith, in an effort to reach agreement with the certificated and classified employees of the school, 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 shall give adequate notice to the employees and to the parents/guardians of affected students. (Education Code 46162)

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**Policy Reference Disclaimer:**

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

**State**

**Description**

|                        |                                                                                                  |
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| Ed. Code 37202         | <a href="#">Equal time in all schools</a>                                                        |
| Ed. Code 37670         | <a href="#">Year-round schools</a>                                                               |
| Ed. Code 46010         | <a href="#">Total days of attendance</a>                                                         |
| Ed. Code 46100         | <a href="#">Length of school day</a>                                                             |
| Ed. Code 46110-46120   | <a href="#">Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools</a>                                |
| Ed. Code 46120         | <a href="#">Expanded learning opportunities</a>                                                  |
| Ed. Code 46140-46148   | <a href="#">Attendance in junior high and high schools</a>                                       |
| Ed. Code 46148         | <a href="#">School day for middle and high school</a>                                            |
| Ed. Code 46160-46162   | <a href="#">Alternative schedule for junior high and high school; public hearing with notice</a> |
| Ed. Code 46170         | <a href="#">Continuation schools; minimum day</a>                                                |
| Ed. Code 46180         | <a href="#">Opportunity schools; minimum day</a>                                                 |
| Ed. Code 46191         | <a href="#">Attendance for adults in correctional facilities</a>                                 |
| Ed. Code 46200-46208   | <a href="#">Incentives for longer instructional day and year</a>                                 |
| Ed. Code 48200         | <a href="#">Compulsory full-time education</a>                                                   |
| Ed. Code 48663         | <a href="#">Community day school; minimum school day</a>                                         |
| Ed. Code 48800-48802   | <a href="#">Concurrent enrollment in community college</a>                                       |
| Ed. Code 49056         | <a href="#">Recess</a>                                                                           |
| Ed. Code 51222         | <a href="#">Physical education; instructional minutes</a>                                        |
| Ed. Code 51720-51724   | <a href="#">Evening high school for minors</a>                                                   |
| Ed. Code 51760-51769.5 | <a href="#">Work experience education</a>                                                        |
| Ed. Code 52325         | <a href="#">Regional occupational center; minimum day</a>                                        |
| Ed. Code 8970-8974     | <a href="#">Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten</a>                       |

## **Management Resources**

California Department of Education  
Publication

California Department of Education  
Publication

State Board of Education Policy  
Statement

Website

## **Description**

[Conducting Individualized Determinations of Need](#)

[AA & IT Independent Study FAQs](#)

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

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal](#)

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | <a href="#">Services</a>                                                          |
| Website            | <a href="#">WestEd</a>                                                            |
| Website            | <a href="#">National Association for Sport and Physical Education</a>             |
| Website            | <a href="#">State Board of Education</a>                                          |
| Website            | <a href="#">U.S. Department of Education</a>                                      |
| Website            | <a href="#">California Department of Education</a>                                |
| WestEd Publication | Full-Day Kindergarten: Expanding Learning Opportunities, Policy Brief, April 2005 |

## Cross References

| Code        | Description                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 3516.5      | <a href="#">Emergency Schedules</a>              |
| 5030        | <a href="#">Student Wellness</a>                 |
| 5113        | <a href="#">Absences And Excuses</a>             |
| 5113        | <a href="#">Absences And Excuses</a>             |
| 5141.22     | <a href="#">Infectious Diseases</a>              |
| 5141.22     | <a href="#">Infectious Diseases</a>              |
| 5145.6      | <a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>    |
| 5145.6-E(1) | <a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>    |
| 6000        | <a href="#">Concepts And Roles</a>               |
| 6111        | <a href="#">School Calendar</a>                  |
| 6117        | <a href="#">Year-Round Schedules</a>             |
| 6142.7      | <a href="#">Physical Education And Activity</a>  |
| 6142.7      | <a href="#">Physical Education And Activity</a>  |
| 6145.8      | <a href="#">Assemblies And Special Events</a>    |
| 6154        | <a href="#">Homework/Makeup Work</a>             |
| 6158        | <a href="#">Independent Study</a>                |
| 6158        | <a href="#">Independent Study</a>                |
| 6159        | <a href="#">Individualized Education Program</a> |
| 6159        | <a href="#">Individualized Education Program</a> |

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| 6164.6 | <a href="#"><u>Identification And Education Under Section 504</u></a> |
| 6164.6 | <a href="#"><u>Identification And Education Under Section 504</u></a> |
| 6170.1 | <a href="#"><u>Transitional Kindergarten</u></a>                      |
| 6171   | <a href="#"><u>Title I Programs</u></a>                               |
| 6171   | <a href="#"><u>Title I Programs</u></a>                               |
| 6172.1 | <a href="#"><u>Concurrent Enrollment In College Classes</u></a>       |
| 6172.1 | <a href="#"><u>Concurrent Enrollment In College Classes</u></a>       |
| 6178   | <a href="#"><u>Career Technical Education</u></a>                     |
| 6178   | <a href="#"><u>Career Technical Education</u></a>                     |
| 6178.1 | <a href="#"><u>Work-Based Learning</u></a>                            |
| 6178.1 | <a href="#"><u>Work-Based Learning</u></a>                            |
| 6178.2 | <a href="#"><u>Regional Occupational Center/Program</u></a>           |
| 6179   | <a href="#"><u>Supplemental Instruction</u></a>                       |
| 6184   | <a href="#"><u>Continuation Education</u></a>                         |
| 6184   | <a href="#"><u>Continuation Education</u></a>                         |
| 6185   | <a href="#"><u>Community Day School</u></a>                           |
| 6185   | <a href="#"><u>Community Day School</u></a>                           |
| 6200   | <a href="#"><u>Adult Education</u></a>                                |
| 6200   | <a href="#"><u>Adult Education</u></a>                                |
| 9320   | <a href="#"><u>Meetings And Notices</u></a>                           |