

**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION****Instruction
SCHOOL DAY**

The County Board and County Superintendent shall fix the length of the school day subject to the provisions of 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.

In establishing the daily instructional schedule for each secondary school, the County Superintendent or designee shall give consideration to course requirements and curricular demands, availability of school facilities, and applicable legal requirements.

The County Superintendent 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 program in which secondary students attend class for fewer school days than the total number of school days for which the school is in session, the County Superintendent 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 County Superintendent has given adequate notice to the employees and to the parents/guardians of affected students. (Education Code 46162)

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Legal ReferenceEducation 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 Kindergarten and elementary schools, day of attendance

46140-46147 Junior high school and high school, day of attendance

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

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46200-46206 Minimum instructional time
48200 Compulsory attendance for 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

National Association For Sport and Physical Education Position Statements
Recess for Elementary School Students, 2006

State Board of Education Policy Statements
99-03 Physical Education (PE) Requirements for Block Schedules, July 2006

U.S. Department of Education Publications
Extending Learning Time for Disadvantaged Students, August 1995

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

Websites
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State Board of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/wr/waiverpolicies.asp>
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WestEd: <http://www.wested.org>