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## **SCHOOL DAY**

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As stated in C.R.S. 22-32-109(n)(1), the Board of Education shall determine the length of time that the schools of the district shall be in session during the school year, but in no event shall schools be scheduled to have fewer than:

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**

Half-day kindergarten: 450 hours per school year  
Full-day kindergarten: 900 hours per school year  
Grades one through five: 990 hours per school year

The district recognizes the need for teachers to extend the normal school day for elementary students in order to provide extra help for students who have been absent; require additional assistance to master a subject; or to enforce penalties for the proper management of student behavior. Teachers may utilize recess or before/after school time for these purposes. If the student's school day is to be extended, efforts will be made to contact the parent. Extension of the student's school day may be no longer than 15 minutes without prior parent permission.

#### **SECONDARY SCHOOLS:**

Grades six through twelve: 1080 hours per school year

#### **K-8 SCHOOLS:**

Half-day kindergarten: 450 hours per school year  
Full-day kindergarten: 900 hours per school year  
Grades one through five: 990 hours per school year  
Grades six through eight: 1080 hours per school year

C.R.S. 22-32-109(n)(II)(A) further states that actual hours of teacher-pupil instruction and teacher-pupil contact may be reduced to no fewer than:

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Half-day kindergarten: 435 hours per school year  
Full-day kindergarten: 870 hours per school year  
Grades one through five: 968 hours per school year

### **SECONDARY SCHOOLS:**

Grades six through twelve: 1056 hours per school year

### **K-8 SCHOOLS:**

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Or parent-teacher conferences, staff in-service programs, and closing deemed by the Board to be necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of students.

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#### **Elementary School Day**

Half-day kindergarten shall be two hours and forty-five minutes long.

Full-day kindergarten shall be six and one-half hours long, exclusive of lunch.

Elementary school (grades 1 through 5) shall be six and one-half hours long, exclusive of lunch.

#### **K-8 School Day**

Half-day kindergarten shall be two hours and forty-five minutes long.

Full-day kindergarten shall be six and one-half hours long, exclusive of lunch.

Elementary school (grades 1 through 5) shall be six and one-half hours long, exclusive of lunch.

Grades 6-8 shall be six and one-half hours long, exclusive of lunch.

#### **Extension of Elementary and K-8 School Day**

Teachers may use recess and before/after school time in order to provide extra help to students and to enforce the proper management of their classes and appropriate student behavior.

Teachers may not use recess and before/after school time when, in the best judgment of the principal or designee, this practice would be detrimental to the safety or well-being of the students.

Teachers may extend a student's school day for up to 15 minutes before or after the normal school day without parent permission or prior parent notification. However, the teacher will make a reasonable effort to notify the parent prior to the extension.

Teachers may extend a student's school day for more than 15 minutes before or after the normal school day only if prior parent permission has been obtained. Teachers will notify the office prior to extending a student's school day beyond the 15 minutes.

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Teachers may not cause a student who is transported by school bus to miss a bus without prior arrangements for the parent to transport the student.

Teachers who choose to extend the student's day during recess or before/after school will be responsible for providing for the supervision of the student during the extension.

Schools shall provide notice to parents of the District school day policy and regulation through the school calendar, newsletters, handbooks, parent meetings, etc.

### **Middle School**

Middle school (grades 6 through 8) shall be no less than six and one-half hours long, exclusive of lunch.

### **High School**

High schools (grades 9 through 12) shall offer seven periods, exclusive of lunch.

Each high school shall determine the minimum number of periods required for student enrollment at each grade level.

In case of overcrowded conditions, schedules may need to be adjusted to accommodate extended day programs, split sessions or other adjustments to the regular program.